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Let's kick it around a bit

VAVi Sport and Social Club held its National Kickball Championship at NTC Park at Liberty Station on Saturday, Aug. 16, bringing out the playground mentality in hundreds of players. Left, Sal Crivello participates in the longball competition. VAVi brings the old schoolyard classic to an adult level of competition. The event drew about 250 participants and another 250 spectators. PHOTOS BY KIRBY YAU | THE BEACON



Floating partiers elude alcohol ban on the sand

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

people dragging innertubes, rafts sands. and floats into the water to legal-"Innertubapalooza 2009," saw attend to more than double, causing police and lifeguards to pay extra-close attention to safety police and lifeguard authorities

The flotilla also effectively cir-Sail Bay in north Mission Bay cumvented the two-year-old ban played host to an estimated 3,000 on drinking on the beach and bay

The San Diego Police Departly drink a beer on the bay on Sat- ment and lifeguards discovered urday, August 9. The second year the party a few days in advance, for the floating party, dubbed allowing some time to prepare, officials said. Police handed out the crowd balloon from an esti- approximately 50 citations and mated 1,500 people expected to arrested six people while lifeguards had their hands full with approximately 18 water rescues,

Northern Division Capt. Shelley Zimmerman said the police department and lifeguards are working closely with the U.S. Coast Guard to monitor any similar future events.

"While what they are doing, technically, is legal," Zimmerman said, "we don't advise people drinking and driving, drinking and swimming, drinking and boating or even drinking and

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Flush with frustration

Filner vowing to fight Coastal Commission's rejection of waiver for PL wastewater plant

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

In response to the California Coastal Commission's (CCC) surprising vote last week to deny the city a secondary-treatment waiver for the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant, Rep. Bob Filner is vowing to put pressure on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to overturn the decision.

Filner responded to the Coastal Commission's 8-1 vote with a letter Aug. 17, four days after the waiver was denied.

"The Coastal Commission has again overstepped its authority

in a blatant attempt to make a political statement rather than accept the scientific findings of the agencies responsible for water-quality conditions," Filner wrote to Schwarzenegger.

On Aug. 13, the commissioners unexpectedly voted to deny the city's request for a waiver that would allow the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant to continue operating below the minimum federal environmental standards for pollution. The facility is the main treatment plant for the

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Rep. Bob Filner said he intends to challenge last week's decision by the California Coastal Commission to reject a third waiver for the city's wastewater treatment facility in Point Loma. If the Coastal Commission's decision stands, the city may be forced to pay \$1.5 billion to upgrade the facility to secondary treatment before wastewater can be disposed of into the ocean below. PAUL HANSEN | THE BEACON

La Playa storm drain revamp first of 100 city fix-it projects

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

City officials broke ground last week on improvements to the fractured the La Playa storm Sanders were among city officials drain — the first of 100 City Coun- and members of the public on cil-approved projects aimed at hand to celebrate the first of a restoring San Diego's streets and public facilities.

"The La Playa storm drains are examples of repairs our city has needed for years but have not been completed — until now, said District 2 Councilmember

Kevin Faulconer. "This is good for the environment and good for the Peninsula."

Faulconer and Mayor Jerry group of projects that, according to the mayor's office, are funded by a \$103 million private bond that closed in the spring. The City Council approved the list of pro-

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floating.'

It's illegal to have an open alcoholic beverage container on the sand but not on the water under certain conditions, Zimmerman said. All applicable laws including laws against public intoxication are still enforced.

San Diego Lifeguard boating safety lieutenant John Sandmeyer said the magnitude of the event forced lifeguards' resources away from other parts of the beach and bay.

A few accidents occurred throughout the day, including a woman who cut her hand on a stationary boat propeller and another woman who suffered injuries during a Jet Ski accident near the southern section of the Ingraham Street bridge, he said. Both victims were treated and taken to the hospital.

"Most of the [extra] lifeguards were off duty," Sandmeyer said. "It definitely peaked out for us and created a big deal."

He added that the floating party could also create a safety hazard by making it difficult for lifeguards to reach a person who needs help if they are in the middle of a large group of floats or rafts.

The floating party grew out of an annual summer party named Summerpalooza organized through social networking websites like Facebook and The Full Extension. The Full Extension social network boasts hundreds of members promoting a relaxed lifestyle reflected through summertime parties.

Some of the party's organizers live in the Mission and Pacific beach communities, said Phil, a Full Extension representative who helped organize the flotilla. Phil, who pre-



An estimated 3,000 funseekers took to the waters of Mission Bay recently for "Innertubapalooza 2009," the second such event designed to let partiers drink legally just yards from the shoreline where alcohol has been banned. Police handed out about 50 citations and arrested six people, while lifeguards had their hands full with about 18 water rescues. PHOTO COURTESY OF JEREMY MALECHA

ferred not to publish his last name for professional and liability reasons, said the party was not an act of rebellion against the beach alco-

'We're not trying to stick it to the cops. We're really just trying to get together and have fun," Phil said. 'Given what just happened, it came across as a party of rebelling against the alcohol ban, but we're really just trying to celebrate what San Diego has: good weather and good times and good friends, laying back and being respectful of the environment."

Private events that serve alcohol on city parks, beaches and bays, such as the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club's Over-the-Line tournament, usually require the organization to go through the city's special events permit process. But since drinking on the water does not violate the beach alcohol ordinance, the organization did not need or seek a special events permit, Phil

Organizers said they will work with lifeguard and city officials for better organized future events.

Jon Cunningham, a two-year Pacific Beach resident and president of the Sail Bay Scene Homeowners Association, attended the event and said it was "totally relaxed."

"Everyone was having a really good time," Cunningham said. "People have been drinking on the water for decades; that's certainly nothing

District 2 Councilman Kevin Fauloner could not be reached for comment. Faulconer helped push the beach alcohol ban through city council following a fight involving hundreds on the sands of Pacific Beach during Labor Day weekend in 2007.

Spokesperson for Faulconer's office, Tony Manolatos, said Faulconer received about three emails about the Sail Bay party but

NewsBriefs

Suspected 'A.M. Rapist' arrested in Illinois

The man believed to be the socalled "A.M. Rapist" — a suspect thought responsible for a series of five burglaries and sexual assaults in the Ocean Beach, Mission Beach and College West areas in 2000 and 2001 — was arrested near his home in Arlington Heights, Ill. on Aug. 11 according to police officials. Stephen D. Richardson, 33, was extradited to San Diego and faces numerous charges associated with the "A.M. Rapist" series.

According to San Diego Police Department investigators, evidence was developed on July 22 that linked Richardson to a Sept. 2, 2000 sexual assault in Ocean Beach. The San Diego County District Attorney's Office subsequently issued a warrant for his arrest. Detectives from the Sex Crime Unit worked with the Arlington Heights Police Department to arrest Richardson.

At the time of his arrest, a DNA sample was obtained from Richardson that matched samples gathered at the scene of all five cases in the series.

Man linked to threats against schools on Web

A 39-year-old man is in federal custody after he was arrested Aug. 5 near Shelter Island for allegedly making threats against two Coronado elementary schools through the Internet.

Paul Douglas Rodgers was

arrested by San Diego Harbor Police and subsequently turned over to FBI agents at the George Bailey Detention Center.

According to FBI officials, Rodgers allegedly posted a threat July 30 against the two schools on Craigslist's San Diego site, saying "Coronado elementary schools to be destroyed" in October attacks were attended by children with parents in the military.

In June, San Diego police contacted Rodgers in the vicinity of Shelter Island regarding a May post threatening a local elementary school. According to police reports, Rodgers admitted to making the posts and said he was the subject of a mind-control experiment. When asked by police, Rodgers agreed to go to the county's mental health department for evaluation and was evaluated for eight days.

HTH graduate designs winning game weapon

When the video game "Rachet and Clank Future: A Crack in Time" is released this fall, recent High Tech High graduate Jackson Finley should have a light advantage. Finley won the Captain Qwark's "My Blaster Runs Hot" contest and, as a result, the weapon he designed will appear in the upcoming game.

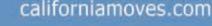
"It was cool," Finley said. "It's my favorite game, so I'm pretty happy to have won."

Finley named his weapon the Spiral of Death.

"It makes little blades of energy that spin and you shoot them off and they roll around," Find-

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Finley, who will attend Califor-

and \$500. His Spiral of Death

Sized Sticky Hand Toy.

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ley said. "They can roll over people, bounce off them, and eventually they fly back to you like a boomerang.

Finley beat out more than 1,000 entrants in the fan-voted contest and was recognized at a

party at the Hard Rock Hotel during the Comic-Con Convention in July that was featured on G4TV's X-Play. At the party, Finley was presented with a replica of the weapon and, although he couldn't use it yet, he got to see a video of it in action.

"It was weird," Finley said. "It was a really cool but strange feeling.'

nia College of the Arts later this month, said when he heard of the contest he had an idea of what he wanted to do.

After refining that idea, it took him about an hour to create a sketch of the weapon.

"Ratchet and Clank Future: A Crack in Time" is the third game in the "Ratchet and Clank Future" series. It will be released this fall for the PlayStation 3 console.

'Summerfest' community picnic set for Saturday

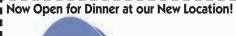
The Peninsula community will have another opportunity to celebrate summer with the free "Ocean Beach Summerfest" event slated for Saturday, Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Sunset Cliffs Boulevard side of Dusty Rhodes Park.

The event, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach in cooperation with the Dusty Rhodes Park Recreation Council, will feature carnival rides, live music, a craft fair, food booths and a beer garden featuring Karl Strauss brews.

Families are encouraged to bring their own food or buy food from the vendors. Alcohol is not allowed in the park except inside the adults-only beer garden.

Glass containers and smoking are also not allowed in the park and dogs must be leashed except in the designated off-leash area.

For information, call (619) 225-8705.



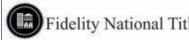


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Chris 'Wheats' Wheatley, 44, Ocean Beach resident

Ocean Beach has lost another ing his father, one of its greats!

Chris Wheatley, 44, was a lifelong OBecian. He went to OB Elementary School, Dana Junior High School and graduated from Point loving father Loma High School.

For those of us that were close to Chris, his warm smile and good humor will always be remembered!

Chris is not alone. He has gone forward to meet up with all those that have left us in the past, includ-

aunts, uncles and a lot of good friends.

He was a of his three boys, Tyler, Tanner and Sinjin. Chris is also survived by his mother, CHRIS WHEATLEY Joanne; broth-



er, Daron; and many cousins and

friends! Chris loved surfing Sunset Cliffs, fast cars, fast motorcycles and fast chicks!

He will be missed by all of us! A true OB Longhorn! We love you

For those who want to say goodbye with us, there will be a paddleout at noon Sunday, Aug. 23 at the first parking lot at Sunset Cliffs, to be followed by a celebration of life at the OB Masonic Lodge, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

We hope to see you there!





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"These projects will put San Diegans back to work and improve our neighborhoods," he added.

According to the mayor's office, the collapsed La Playa storm drain was causing erosion and was a safety hazard. The drain, located near San Antonio Place, is one of two that leads into the San Diego Bay and one of 28 citywide that are slated for repair under the

"Repairing crumbling roads and completing long-overdue repairs on libraries and firehouses in our communities is a high priority for San Diegans," Sanders said.

The list of projects includes resurfacing 150 miles of city streets, repairing or replacing roofs at 21 libraries, park facilities and police and fire stations, and construction of three new lifeguard stations.

According to the mayor's office, officials will also repair plumbing, electrical, windows, doors and heating and cooling systems at dozens of public facilities.

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Work has begun on the La Playa storm drain, currently sitting in disrepair near San Antonio Place. The improvements are the first of a 100-project list of fix-it priorities outlined by city officials.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

OB/Pt. Loma real estate continues to rebound



BV ERIK WEICHELT. San Diego Association of Realtors

During the first quarter of 2009, the real estate market in Point Loma, Ocean Beach and Old Town was showing signs of positive trending. In March, the San Diego Association of REALTORS® (SDAR) reported that for all three communities the median sales price was actually higher than it had been in March of 2008, and that the median pricing had been trending upwards from month to month. At the time, this was in stark contrast to the rest of the county, which was experiencing declining median numbers.

Now, San Diego County is in its third consecutive month at an increased median sales price and it is clear that the county's real estate numbers are trending positively, a welcome change for many. On the contrary, the numbers of our three communities have been fluctuating greatly, making trends in this area much more ambivalent.

When you look at the numbers from the last six months in Point Loma, Ocean Beach and Old Town, it is clear that these communities remain unique when it comes to real estate trends. For example, median pricing for attached properties (e.g., condos and townhomes) in Point Loma has ranged from as high as \$1,012,500 in March to as low as \$280,000 in the span of one month. When Point Loma was at its highest in March, the rest of San Diego was experiencing an all-time low.

Ocean Beach and Old Town's median numbers also differed from county trends. The median sales price for detached properties in OB hit its lowest in May at \$551,000, while the rest of the county was in its second consecutive month at an increased median price. Similarly, Old Town experienced its lowest median sales price hit in January at \$450,000, which for most communities was the month with the highest median price.

The median pricing is not the only way in which these three communities are differing from countywide trends. While number of sold listings in these communities have been a bit more consistent on a monthly basis, these numbers continue to be much lower than other communities

In Point Loma the average number of sold homes and condos per month was eight and three, respectively. This is substantially lower than the county averages which were 19 and 10, respectively. And while there are some communities that have already sold more than 415 properties in 2009, Point Loma has only sold a total of 67 properties, attached and detached combined.

Ocean Beach and Old Town have been seeing similar numbers in sold listings as those in Point Loma, but these ZIP codes are averaging slightly less for sold homes and slightly more for sold condos and townhomes. OB is still far under the county monthly averages and has only sold 68 properties year to date. Old Town, on the other hand, has sold substantially more properties and is at 94 sold listings year to date. However, the majority of these sold listings are from attached properties, of which they are selling an average of ten per month.

It is worth pointing out that for homes in Point Loma and Ocean Beach, the months with the highest number of sold listings corresponded with the lowest median sales price. However, in Old Town, and many other ZIP codes across the county, it appears that price has become less of a factor. In fact, for attached properties in Old Town, the month with the highest median price was also the month with the highest number of sold listings. It's possible that the focus has been shifted away from price as a result of the public taking advantage of the overall lower prices to allow them to purchase a home based on community or design, rather than a solely financial deci-

It is likely that Point Loma, Ocean Beach and Old Town are deviating from some of the trends as a result of the considerably higher median prices in these zZIP codes. Despite the fact that Point Loma's median price hit its lowest for the year in June at \$752,000, the year-to-date price is ninth highest out of all 94 zip codes in the county. It is also more than double the county's June median of \$360,000.

Whatever the reason may be, we hope and expect that since the county's numbers as a whole are clearly improving, Point Loma's, Ocean Beach's and Old Town's numbers will see improvement as well.

- Erik Weichelt is the 2009 president of the San Diego Association of REALTORS®. SDAR serves as a resource for information on the local real estate market, providing monthly statistics and analysis to the general public.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Public sector water waste should be accountable to conservation plan

I appreciate our councilman's (District 2 Councilmember Kevin Faulconer's) guest commentary "A market-based water conservation makes sense," Aug. 13 Peninsula Beacon, page 6. I agree with economists that there is power of pricing consumption natural resources.

What I would like to propose is that there be an affordable lifeline quantity of water given to the owners of the water, we Americans, at our homes and that the wasters in the public sector set a good example by demonstrating water conservation and paying for their own waste.

Two examples of public-sector water waste readily come to my mind: (1) the Mission Valley YMCA that has two swimming pools and two large Jacuzzis that discharge large amounts of water unreasonably, and has two large locker rooms complete with no lowflush toilet and no low-flow shower head; and (2) the city Water Utilities Department, which regularly bleeds off hydrant-size flows for days at a time such as on Whittier Street and at several places on Catalina Boulevard. But I've been waiting in vain for this councilman and the city to bring blue recycling containers to multi-unit apartments and green recycling containers to general residents in Ocean Beach for four years and, so, I won't hold my breath.

> **Robert Burns** Ocean Beach

Hats off to supporters of Point Loma Summer Concert Series

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The PLA's Concerts Committee pays for professional bands, stage, sound and services - volunteers do the rest!

Whether you donated your time or money to this summer's concert series, thank you for helping to bring smiles to all in attendance.

See you next year!

Martha Phillips Point Loma Association Summer Concert Chair

CORRECTION

In the Aug. 6 edition of the Peninsula Beacon, page 1, a photo caption for "Getting an inside look" should have correctly stated the agency pictured in the shots was the San Diego Harbor Police assigned to the San Diego Unified Port District.

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Aquatic playground lures fishermen of every kind

— Editor's note: The Peninsula Beacon continues its monthlong focus on San Diego H₂O — a look at the area's most beautiful seaside locations, water-based activities to dive into this summer and the people who make San Diego the envy of visitors from across the globe.

By JOSEPH GREENBERG | THE BEACON

With 70 miles of coastline and neighboring Mexican waters teeming with scaly sea bounty, San Diego overflows with opportunities for folks to be "gone fishing." Whether from a privately chartered and intimate 40-foot sixpack boat to a larger vessel carrying up to 72 passengers to fishing among beds of kelp from a kayak, there is something for everyone off the shores of San Diego.

The most economical voyages, marked by a short duration and less opportunity for motion sickness, are usually half-day trips lasting around six hours. They generally cost \$42, not including a fishing license. Point Loma Sport Fishing runs two daily trips, casting off in the post-dawn light at 6:30 a.m. and for another midday trip at 1 p.m.

Trips are made aboard two 65-foot vessels named "The Daily Double," and "The Point Loma," each carrying maximum passenger loads of 72 anglers (people who fish with a hook and line).

"Weekends are busier, but during the week and in the morning you could luck out with a real small

group of only 10," said Point Loma Sport Fishing reservations agent Shawn Gray.

From Point Loma Sport Fishing's southern location on the Peninsula, their half-day trips sail to various spots near the Mexican border.

"Using sonar equipment called 'fish finders,' captains will steer their boats toward hot-pockets, or areas where there are large numbers of fish," Gray said.

The day of fishing begins shortly after a hot-pocket is found. Anglers will cast their lines with weighted lures to explore a lower depth column or use sardines and anchovies as live bait with a jig for topwater fish like barracudas.

Pacific Beach resident Sarah Webb recently embarked on a three-quarter-day trip option with Point Loma Sport Fishing, heading out at 6 a.m. and returning at 5 p.m. The longer trip allows for more time to get to areas not so heavily fished like the Coronado Islands of Mexico. It also is slightly more expensive at \$95.

"I caught a bonita fish near the [Coronado] Islands, but a seal ended up eating it before I could reel it all the way in," Webb said. "All I was left with was the head. We didn't stay there too long because the seals were so bad."

Webb's day ultimately turned out to be successful. She caught four other fish, two sand bass, one bonita and one barracuda.

"At the beginning of the trip, people could buy in for \$5 for a winner-take-all jackpot," Webb said. "Who-

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Fishermen assess their hauls at Point Loma Sport Fishing.

COURTESY PHOTO BY JIM GRANT

ever caught the heaviest fish was the winner. When we got back, they broke out a scale with a hook on each end to weigh catches against each other. It was really fun." fishing spots on the extended trips, but on the half-day trips we take our boats north to La Jolla," said Seaforth reservation agent David Tittle. "Our most popular trip is with

Webb said she was very satisfied with her fishing adventure that day, particularly because of the individual instruction.

"For a couple bucks extra, the crew will even fillet your fish for you so that you can go home after and throw it right on the grill," Webb said.

A different option lies with Seaforth Sportfishing on Mission Bay. Seaforth runs a similar operation as Point Loma Sport Fishing, with 6-hour, 12-hour, overnight and multiple-day trips.

"We both go to the same southern

fishing spots on the extended trips, but on the half-day trips we take our boats north to La Jolla," said Seaforth reservation agent David Tittle. "Our most popular trip is with privately chartered six-pack boats, which take up to six people. We have two 40-foot six-pack boats named 'The Alexes' and 'El Gato Dos."

These trips are a little more expensive, with the rental of a six-pack boat running \$750 for a half-day. The higher price affords the renter a more intimate and personalized atmosphere with more instruction because of the smaller number of passengers.

"It takes about 45 minutes to get up to the kelp beds of La Jolla," Tittle said. "We anchor about a mile offshore, south of the protected marine reserve where fishing is prohibited."

Seaforth Sportfishing captains will anchor their boats in a way to ride the ocean current. Their goal is to swing the back of their boats into the kelp for optimal fishing. After chumming the water to attract fish, anglers will be shown how to use live bait to catch fish like Calico bass, which can be seen swimming right out of the kelp.

Fishing in the La Jolla kelp beds in a much different manner is Jim Sammons and his small groups of guided kayak tours.

Sammons owns and operates Kayak Fishing Adventures in La Jolla. Sammons claims 15 years of experience in the sport, which he said he has seen grow tremendously in recent years.

"I was the first person to catch a marlin from a kayak in La Jolla in '98 right in front of Scripps Pier," Sammons said.

La Jolla generally sees very good fishing because of the upwelling of nutrients from the underwater topography in the area. This upwelling provides food for a wide

Kayak fishing in La Jolla provides a unique challenge because anglers need to get through the surf and out to sea before they can start casting their lines.

variety of animals, including small

sharks and squid, Sammons said.

"I have a surf safety and paddleskills class as well, which teaches people how to handle their kayaks in the surf zone, how to get back on if knocked off and how to save people when they fall off," Sammons said.

Sammons also runs guided tours around San Diego Bay, which is what he suggests for beginners. He said if there is no surf it is easy to paddle out, and kayakers can immediately start catching a larger amount of smaller fish.

One-day guide-fishing trips run between six and eight hours and are limited to three people per guide to ensure safety and plenty of individual instruction. A one-person weekday trip costs \$175; a two-person trip costs \$300 and a three-person trip will run \$400. The paddles and surf-safety skills class costs \$75 per person with a minimum of three people.

For more information on fishing options in San Diego, visit the following websites:

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entire San Diego region and serves 2.2 million residents.

Coastal Commission members apparently took exception to granting the third request for an exemption on a projected \$1.5 billion secondary-treatment upgrade — the previous two waivers being granted in 1995 and 2002. Coastal Commission officials said San Diego is now the lone California city that has not agreed to implelevel for wastewater discharged into the ocean.

commissioners reached was that the continued disposal of tion." primary treated sewage into the marine environment is reducing biodiversity and biological productivity," said CCC legislative director Sarah Christie, "which by definition program."

Perhaps what was most surwas that it was contrary to a July 21 recommendation by its own staff to reissue the waiver. Those recommendations made last week's hearing to approve or deny the waiver appear nothing more than a formality.

"The commission has acted independently," Christie said. "They're always within their right to take an action independent of a staff recommendation. And if the city disagrees with that action, they have an appeal route through the secretary of commerce.'

The denial of the waiver was also surprising because environmental groups San Diego Coastkeeper and Surfrider San Diego said they would not oppose the waiver. When the waiver was last put up for approval in 2002, both groups challenged the waiver and filed lawsuits against the city.

"This go-round, we actually decided not to oppose the waiver," said San Diego Coastkeeper executive director Bruce Reznik. "We worked cooperatively with the city and we reached an agreement with ment the stepped-up treatment them to undertake an approximately two-year comprehensive assessment of its sewage "The conclusion that the system to identify opportunities to maximize water reclama-

> Surfrider San Diego declined to oppose the waiver also on the condition that the city continue to study the reusing of the wastewater.

makes it inconsistent with the wouldn't oppose the waiver but state's coastal management that was based on their committing to study reusing wastewater toward the goal of prising about the CCC's decision zero or greatly reduced dissaid Surfrider charge," spokesman Ken David.

Reznik said the major reason San Diego Coastkeeper did not oppose the waiver is because secondary treatment doesn't address what he called the fairly dire water situation in San Diego.

"We shouldn't be focusing on secondary, we should be focusing beyond secondary," Reznik said, "which is minimize or even potentially eliminate all ocean discharge of sewage and reclaim as much or all of the

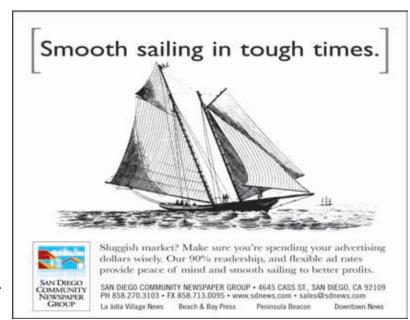


If city officials are unsuccessful in obtaining a temporary exemption to meeting federal Clean Water Act standards, an upgrade of the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant could cost an estimated \$1.5 billion. PAUL HANSEN | THE BEACON

"We told the city that we water that is currently going out into the ocean to augment our local reservoirs and local drinking water supplies.'

Christie said that as a result of the CCC denying the city's request for a waiver, there will be another hearing in which the commission will need to provide revised findings to support its decision. While the CCC's next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9 in Eureka, no timetable has been set for the second hearing.

The Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant has been open since 1963 and is located at 1902 Gatchell Road. According to the city, the facility treats about 175 million gallons of wastewater per day.



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A Backyard Oasis In a Summer of Budgets

(MS) -- Where do you search for relaxation in a summer of staying put?

Last year, the media reported a new trend: foregoing big vacations for "staycations," or staying put and using the money saved for turning homes and yards into destination spaces for leisure.

But this year, things are different. If you've just scuttled a summer trip because money is tight and you're a little uneasy about job security, then adding on a new sunroom or canopied

deck may suddenly seem mighty frivolous. For many people, this is shaping up to be a

summer of smaller pursuits.

Planting a line of ornamental trees, for in-

stance, to block your view of that one neighbor you wish was not, and who's likely to be home more this summer as well. You won't get the fullest foliage this year, but each new spring will yield even prettier privacy.

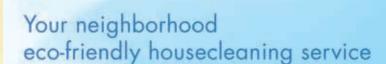
Still, the real joy of vacationing is feeling like you're not required to do anything, and that's

tough to manage at home. If only there were a way to cost-effectively create some kind of relaxation haven right in the middle of your daily life, a backyard oasis where you could just pop in and leave the world behind. But that's obviously impossible ...

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best mini-vacation they've ever bought has been a hammock and a hammock stand," says J.R. Pelletier, manager of TheHammockCompany.com, an international leader in hammock sales. "I think it's that sense of being supported while also being up off the ground -- it really feels as if you've been lifted out of your busy life where the driveway still needs edging and the fence needs painting."

Potential relaxers should, however, be aware that not all hammocks are alike, cautions Bill Russo, president of Nags Head Hammocks, one of the world's leading producers and retailers of hand-woven hammocks.

"A poorly made hammock may not last even the summer, so that's really wasted money," Russo says. "But a well-made one should give you a number of seasons of enjoyment, possibly even year-round, depending on where you live."

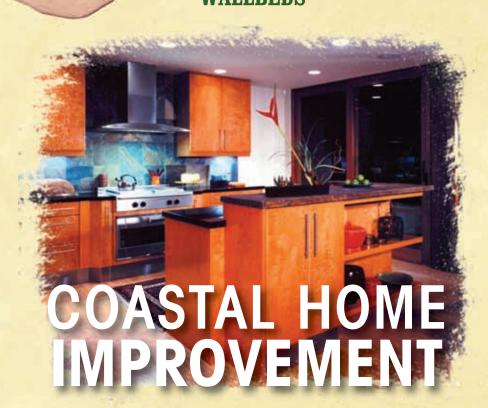
One note of caution: A shady spot is best for setting up your hammock. "If you fall asleep in direct summer sunlight -- and chances are you

will fall asleep -- you won't feel nearly so relaxed when you wake up burned!" Russo says.

And if you time it to before all those lovely new trees start filling in and blocking the view, you can set up your hammock where that annoying neighbor can't help but see you in it, kicked back and relaxing.



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SPORTS

Chargers backups give preseason opener away to Seahawks

By DAVE THOMAS | THE BEACON

Don't read too much into the fact that a team that was a miserable 4-12 a season ago came to San Diego on Saturday evening and scored a 20-14 victory in the locals' NFL preseason opener.

That being said, fans of the San Diego Chargers saw what life could be like if QB Philip Rivers gets injured again. Most in attendance would agree it would not be pretty.

While the game was blacked out locally due to not enough tickets being sold 72 hours prior to kickoff, the 58,373 in the crowd witnessed a rare sighting: star running back La Dainian Tomlinson seeing action in an exhibition game.

Tomlinson got to carry the pigskin four times for 10 yards but, most important, stayed injury free in his first pre-season action in four

The story of the night for San Diego (0-1) was turning the ball over when third-string QB Charlie Whitehurst (pictured) was at the helm. The Clemson product, who saw little action last season, accounted for a pair of interceptions and a fumble before rallying the team from a 20-7 deficit.

As for Seattle (1-0), the Seahawks under new head coach Jim Mora got their first points from secondstring QB Seneca Wallace, who tossed a nice ball in the corner of the end zone to John Owens to

the third quarter as third-string QB Mike Teel found Mike Haas for an 18-yard connection.

After Brandon Coutu made a pair of fourth-quarter field goals to extend the lead to 20-7, San Diego looked like it might turn things around when Whitehurst finally settled down and hit Legedu Naanee on a 5-yard TD with just under four minutes remaining in the game.

San Diego managed to get the ball back one last time, but its drive to possibly to tie and/or win the game ended when Whitehurst (15-29, 193 yards) was unable to complete a fourth-down pass with under a minute remaining.

Seattle took a 14-7 lead late in that did in San Diego, as three miscues led to 10 points for the Seahawks.

> On the bright side for San Diego, both Tomlinson and linebacker Shawne Merriman emerged healthy from the contest, while second-string QB Billy Volek hit on 8 of 12 passes for 122 yards.

> "We had a couple of chances at big plays with the first-team offense that we just missed," San Diego Head Coach Norv Turner noted. "I like the way Billy (Volek) came out and played.

Since Rivers, Tomlinson, Darren Sproles, Antonio Gates and many of the other regulars saw limited touches in the game, there is cer-day, Aug. 22.

As noted earlier, it was turnovers tainly no reason to read much into a loss to a team that only won 25 percent of its games a season ago.

Looking at the first 30 minutes of play, Turner added, "I liked the way our first defensive group played. I think they got off to a nice start. They really showed the speed that we have and what we've gotten done in the secondary."

Getting off to a nice start in the pre-season is not as important as staying healthy through what amount to four exhibition games.

Being healthy come Sept. 14 for the regular-season opener at Oakland will be what Charger fans are truly hoping for. San Diego travels to Arizona for its next contest Satur-



Schaefer named interim PLNU head softball coach

(PLNU) athletic director Ethan Hamilton has named Cheryl Schaefer as the interim head coach of the university's softball program.

Schaefer, a former PLNU player and a member of the coaching staff for six seasons, becomes the eighth head coach in the softball program's history.

After a stellar playing career, Schaefer joined Dave Williams' coaching staff in 2004 and served as associate head coach for the last two seasons. During those six years, the Sea Lions have compiled a 271-86 overall record (.759 winning percentage) and qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national championship tournament each season. PLNU was national runnernational level on two occasions in 2006 and 2008. Schaefer has also helped mentor 28 All-Golden State Athletics Conference (GSAC) players and 13 All-Americans.

Schaefer (then Bolding) was a dominating player for PLNU from 2000-03. She was a three-time firstteam All-American, a three-time GSAC Player of the Year (2001-03) and a two-time NAIA Player of the Year (2001 and 2002). With Schaefer manning shortstop and leading off the batting order, PLNU won two GSAC and two Region II titles, played in the NAIA national championship tournament three times and reached the NAIA title game in

When her college playing days

the most hits in a single season for an NAIA player. She still ranks in the NAIA top 10 in numerous offensive categories, and her name is in the PLNU university career and single-season record book in 17 places. She was inducted into the PLNU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.

In addition to her collegiate career, Schaefer played for the Arizona Heat — a professional softball franchise in the National Pro Fastpitch (NPF) League — for two years (2004-05). In 2004, she led the Heat in hits and earned a spot on the NPF All-Star team. A native of Visalia. Schaefer now lives in La Mesa with her husband, Joe (PLNU's head baseball coach), and their two sons, Braydon and Reilly.



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PLHS poised for championship run

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | THE BEACON

The 2009 Point Loma High School (PLHS) Pointers football squad is just over two weeks away from its season opener on the road against the Monte Vista Monarchs - and PLHS head football coach Mike Hastings already likes what

"The parts are all there for this year, but it is just a matter of executing every week," Hastings said. "It should be a lot of fun this year. We've been looking forward to this the past 10 months.'

The Pointers come off a 6-5-1 playoff-capped season in 2008 after winning the Western League three straight years (2005-07) and three consecutive Division III CIF championship game appearances at Qualcomm Stadium during the same period.

and a tough preseason schedule, which included Monte Vista, Catholic Cathedral, El Capitan, Mira Mesa and Granite Bay," Hastings said.

The Pointers missed out on a chance for a fourth consecutive visit to Qualcomm Stadium and a CIF championship bid after being defeated 20-14 by Cathedral Catholic in the quarterfinal round last season.

Hastings said one of the reasons he is optimistic is the number of players returning from last year. There are currently 24 seniors and five juniors returning from the previous season.

"We have a lot of experience that comes back from last year with seven to eight starters on offense, eight of 11 on defense and both kickers returning from last year," Hastings said.

Most of the offensive backfield returns with quarterback Keegan Fitzgerald and starting tailback Leslie Rogers. Fitzgerald threw for 11 touchdowns and only five interceptions. He also rushed for 305

those for touchdowns.

Rogers led the Pointers in rushing with 1,517 yards on 183 carries and 16 touchdowns.

Two of Fitzgerald's top receivers, wide receiver/defensive back Davis Callejon and tight end Jordan Sparkman, are also returning. Callejon had 15 receptions, 319 yards and two touchdowns, while the 6'6", 220-pound Sparkman had 14 receptions of his own, 200 yards and four touchdowns.

Defensively, the Pointers look to be strong with defensive end William McDonough returning after an outstanding year. McDonough was third on the team with 45 tackles and led the team with eight sacks. He will get help on the other side by defensive end Sean Stepina.

"Stepina is a good complement to McDonough," Hastings said. "He rushes hard off the edge and is about the same size as McDonough (6'2," 210 pounds)."

Stepina produced 50 tackles and 1.5 sacks last year. PLHS will also

yards on 95 carries — three of be strong up the middle with sophomore Eric Bueno starting at nose guard.

> "He came in and played strong for us down the stretch and this year he is bigger and stronger," Hastings said.

Bueno totaled seven tackles.

Middle linebacker Anthony Joyner also returns. He led the team in total tackles with 84 and was credited with a half-sack. Joyner will be backed up by Curtis Deitz. Deitz had 47 tackles and three

Despite the program's success this decade and the expectations for the program this year, Hastings said he measures his success as a coach by how successful his players are after they leave Point

'What is more important to me is how our players end up after high school and whether or not they are good people in the community many years after high school," Hastings said.

Hastings is entering his 12th year as PLHS head football coach.



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As many as 8,000 runners made their way through the intersection of Rosecrans and Talbot streets Sunday during the America's Finest City Half-Marathon, backing up traffic for several blocks. The annual 13.1-mile-long event begins at Cabrillo National Monument, follows scenic San Diego Bay and Harbor Island along the Embarcadero to The Star of India, winds through downtown San Diego and ends in Balboa Park. COURTESY PHOTO BY JIM GRANT



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Old World Portuguese fare to spice up Tango del Rey

By CHARLENE BALDRIDGE | THE BEACON

Judging from the photos in her CD and the sound of her voice, beauteous Ramana Vieira is a lovely person. It seems utterly natural for her to be seated in a Bay Area park surrounded by children (including her 5-yearold son) at play while she answers questions via long distance.

A native of San Leandro born to Portuguese parents, Vieira is a fadista, or one who sings and, in her case, composes fado, a Portuguese vocal style she learned at her mother's knee. The word translates into English as "fate" or "destiny." Currently, it is Vieira's destiny to be at Pacific Beach's Tango del Rey Sunday, Aug. 23 to perform her show "A Cultura de Portugal," treating listeners to the art form, her band of musicians and her songs.

Asked where and when fado arose, Vieira said, "It originated somewhere between the 15th and 18th centuries, back in the court days, the aristocracy times, when it was sung to kings and queens. It's a blend of music from Arabia, Spain, Brazil and Africa, a conglomeration of these cultures that had major influences in Portugal and in the Iberian Peninsula — you know. similar to how blues music originated here in the United States."

Informed by centuries-old tradition and Vieira's innate theatricality (she studied at American

Conservatory Theatre for 10 years), many of her songs are little dramas. Many are sad, like "Lagrimas de Rainha" ("Tears of a Queen"), the title track on her Pacific Coast Jazz CD.

She hastened to say that, just as in a good blues show, "A Cultura de Portugal" is composed of up-tempo fados, ballady fados and the more melancholy fados.

"Lagrimas de Rainha" concerns the true story of Ines de Castro, a servant in the castle of Dom Pedro and his mother, the reigning queen. Dom Pedro fell in love with Ines, and she bore him several children.

"They married in secrecy," Vieira explained. "Eventually, they were found out, and she was killed. When he became king, he never forgot how his lover had been mercilessly slain, so he exhumed her body and dressed her in the finest jewels and silks, where everyone in the court kissed her hand" and acknowledged her as queen.

"There's a beautiful fountain in the town of Coimbra, where this happened. No one knows the source of the water, so the story goes it is the tears of Ines. Wow! What a great story. My life is so boring. There's so much art in the world. It is important for me to emulate something so extraordinary, like that love and that history in Portugal."

Vieira's goal is to take the fado tradition, its beauty and history, to a larger audience. Hence the



Fadista Ramana Vieira performs "A Cultura de Portugal" at Tango del Rey in Pacific Beach on Sunday.

performance in San Diego, in which she will be accompanied by the extraordinary musicians on her CD, guitarist Jeffrey Luiz, cellist Marcie Brown, electric bassist Alberto Ramirez and percussionist Steve La Porta. Festivities will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23 with traditional

dancers and support acts. Vieira and her ensemble will appear at 6 p.m. Admission is

\$17-\$22, with an optional \$10 buffet-style Portuguese dinner available.

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Behind the scenes of SeaWorld's summer pyrotechnics wonder

By RACHEL CURTIS | THE BEACON

SeaWorld's nightly Shamu Rocks show is drawing to a close. As the celebrated killer whale arches for his final bow, several hundred yards away ten three-inch Nashiki Kamaros — Chinese-made fireworks — are hunched in their racks and ready to explode. A walkietalkie crackles.

"Ten seconds to fire."

Three pyrotechnicians huddle in a shack with their ears plugged, watching a load of explosives through a pane of glass. They are floating on a barge on Mission Bay waiting for the Nashiki Kamaros to take off.

"One!'

The first Nashiki rips into the night with a roar, makes a pop and sprinkles gold glitter across the sky. A prerecorded tape counts off the bursts in time to the theatrical music of Shamu's SkySplash fireworks show, and crew member Kyle Pollitt taps a small, green light on the firing board for each shell, triggering an electrical charge. He touches 101 of these cues, launching more than 150 shells over Mission Bay in the space of five minutes.

The crew, protected in the cabin, can't see the shells bursting over-

"Normally, one of us is out on the boat and they get to watch," said Debbie Ludwig, operator and lead pyrotechnician at SeaWorld for the last ten years. Tonight, that person is licensed operator David Hurtado, who is securing a 600-foot perimeter around the barge to ensure boats are not hit by falling shells.

Clean-up typically ensues as soon as the finale set of ten shells has blown. Pollitt isn't sure all the cues fired, so Ludwig verifies that each mortar (the case which holds the shells) is clear. Meanwhile, Hurtado and two SeaWorld employees sweep the bay for debris. In the morning, another team on foot will check the shorelines.

Ludwig, an avid scuba diver, cerned about chemicals falling into recently.

under the barge to check it out. It was full of life."

SeaWorld also sends divers to the bottom of the bay three times a year to clean up any debris from the falling shells: before, during and after the summer.

The fourth crewmember, Travis Prater, helps gather shell casings and disconnect e-matches, the wires that carry the charge from the firing board to the shells. He's here because he knows Pollitt, just as Ludwig came into the business 17 years ago through her husband.

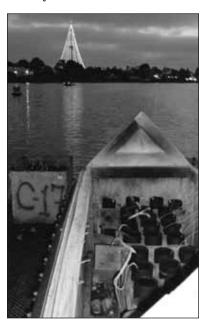
"It's totally by word of mouth," Ludwig said. "We don't just let anybody in."

Aspiring pyrotechnicians work with an experienced operator, who decides whether they stay on and learn the trade.

"If I can show them what to do here, and don't have to repeat it again, they're in!" Ludwig laughed.

The first rule is don't stick your head over a loaded mortar—it's the same as staring down the barrel of a loaded gun.

While a crew of four can set up for a nightly fireworks show in an hour, the July 4 weekend needs a crew of



recalls environmental protests from A rack of loaded mortars sits on the Seatwo summers ago. "They were con- World fireworks barge along Mission Bay COURTESY PHOTO BY RACHEL CURTIS

the shells for the 20-minute shows. The crew spends two days setting up the racks that hold the mortars, and Ludwig brought in her own personal firing system for the colossal event. The July 4 show features 10 and 12-

— twice the size of the largest shells used for the SkySplash show.

Ludwig said the audience's reaction makes it worth all the prepara-

"You take off your earphones and

the water," she said. "So I dove 15 people to work 10 hours to load inch shells shot off from Fiesta Island listen to the crowd," Ludwig said. "It makes it all well worth it."

> For a video synopsis of the preparation and launching of the July 4 weekend shows, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S Ty_awU18I4



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COMMUNITY/CIVIC

Today, Aug. 20, 6:30 to 8 p.m., The Jenna Druck Foundation's Families Helping Families hosts a free grief education workshop focusing on grief, trauma and loss, and how acupuncture can help ease the pain of losing a loved one. The event takes place at 2820 Roosevelt Road, Suite 200 at Liberty Station. For more information, e-mail ltibiatowski-@jennadruck.org., or visit www.jennadruck.org.

Saturday, Aug. 22, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Real Issues, Real Answers hosts an all-day workshop on "The Major 4 D's: Debt, Divorce, Death and Depression and How They Affect the Lives of Women." The forum is hosted by popular radio show hosts, authors and speakers Tonilee Adamson and Bobbye Brooks, along with former local television anchor Carol LeBeau. The event takes place at the NTC Promenade at the McMillin Event Center at Liberty Station, 2875 Dewey Road. The cost is \$20, which includes workbook and continental breakfast/Starbucks coffee. For more information, call (888) 727-7206, or visit www.realissues-realanswers.com.

Monday, Aug. 31, 6 to 8 p.m., the Ocean Beach Branch Library Book Club discusses "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by David Wroblewski. The library is located at 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 8, free sewing classes offered for all skill levels. Classes are held at the West City Center, 3249 Fordam St. For more information, call (619) 588-2244, e-mail jmckenna@sdccd.edu or check the blog

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HEALTH

Wednesday, Aug. 26, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., West Marine hosts the San Diego Blood Bank bloodmobile in the parking lot of 1250 Rosecrans St. For more information, call (800) 479-3902, ext. 0.

Monday, Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Point Loma Nazarene University hosts the San Diego Blood Bank bloodmobile in the parking lot of the gym, 3900 Lomaland Drive. For more information, call (800) 479-3902, ext. 0.

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1:30 to 10 p.m., Rite Aid hosts the San Diego Blood Bank bloodmobile in the parking lot, 4840 Niagara St. For more information, call (800) 479-3902, ext. 0.

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- Wednesday, Aug. 26, first day of school.
 - Monday, Sept. 7, no school.
- Friday, Sept. 11, second annual golf tournament at Sail Ho Golf Course. For more information, call (619) 218-3042.

WARREN-WALKER

- Through Aug. 21, Marine & Freshwater Biology Camp.
- Through Aug. 21, summer camp for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade.

SENIORS

Today, Aug. 20, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Sharp Senior Resource Center hosts a free session on how to get income from your home. A free consultation will be available. The program takes place at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. Registration is required by calling (800) 827-4277. For more information, visit www.sharp.-com.

Wednesday, Aug. 26, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Sharp Senior Resource Center hosts a free session on how to get income from your home. A free consultation will be available. The program takes place at the Sharp Spectrum board room, 8695 Spectrum Center Blvd. Registration is required by calling (800) 827-4277. For more information, visit www.sharp.com.

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m. to noon, Sharp Senior Resource Center hosts a free session on "Early Memory Loss: Tools for Successful Living" by the community education manager of the Alzheimer's Association. The program takes place at the Sharp Memorial Outpatient Pavillion, classroom B, 3075 Health Center Drive. Registration is required by calling (800) 827-4277. For more information, visit www.sharp.com.

Audience members react during a raffle drawing held recently at a fundraiser for Camp Reach for the Sky, an outdoor

adventure camp for children with cancer. The event was hosted by Sweet Salon on Bacon Street in Ocean Beach. Raffled during the event were gift cards to area restaurants and gift baskets of items from OB merchants. More than 100 peo-

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Through August, San Diego Watercolor Society presents "Vacation Travels" exhibition with original artwork by local artists. The free exhibition takes place at the society, 2825 Dewey Road in the NTC Promenade of Liberty Station. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Sundays. For more information, call (619) 876-4550, or visit www.sdwc.org.

VENUES

Benefiting children with cancer

ple attended the event, which raised more than \$1,100 for the cause.

Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, (619) 224-3577 • Monday, Aug. 24, 7 to 11 p.m., Robin Henkel Band with horns performs. Tickets are \$5.

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Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, (619) 224-3577

- Friday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m., Tower of Power performs. Tickets are \$45
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- Friday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m., Dave Koz & Brian Culbertson side by side tour with Peabo Bryson. Tickets are \$68.
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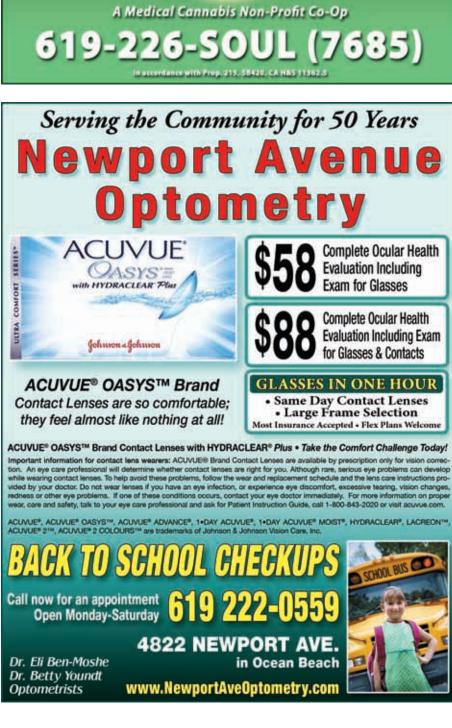
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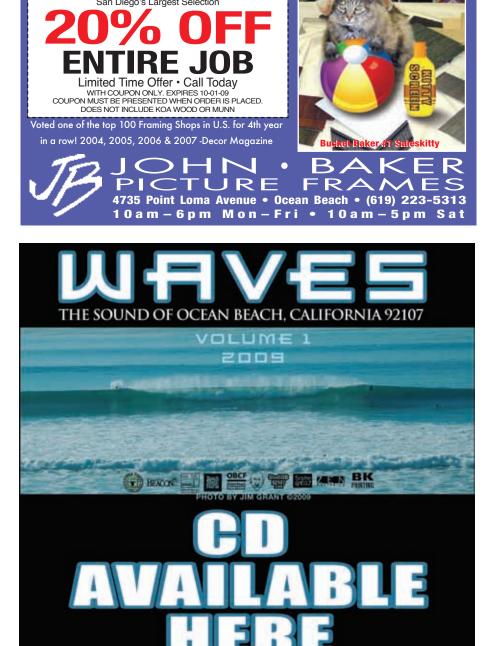






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