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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Yeoman-2nd Class Melissa Hall hugs her daughters Taylor and Jordan after surprising them at Dewey Elementary School on Monday, Dec. 11. Hall, who wasn't expected back from deployment until after the holidays, looks at Jordan (below), who she had not seen in six months.

NAVY MOM SURPRISES DAUGHTERS AT SCHOOL

BY THOMAS MELVILLE | THE BEACON

n an effort to thank those who serve the country year round, the San Diego Unified School District launched the inaugural "Military Holiday Card Drive" this week and held a holiday homecoming for two students at Dewey Elementary, who were surprised by their mom returning from a Navy deployment.

The school also held the San Diego Unified True Blue Buddies "Military Student Bike Givehelicopter and then rolled out



away" where Santa flew in on a Hall received their Christmas presents early, as their mom, ney since June, and not expect-Melissa Hall, walked out of a ed back until after the holidays, But prior to St. Nick's classroom and into the court- Yeoman-2nd Class Hall arrival, third-grader Jordan yard where the students were stepped into the sunlight and

Hall and kindergartner Taylor gathered for the bike giveaway.

Deployed on the U.S.S Pinck-

then sunk to her knees to envelope her daughters in hugs, kisses and joy.

"It was a rush of emotions," Hall said. "I haven't seen them in six months. I don't always get to connect with them while deployed."

Hall, who found out about the plan in August, worried she would ruin the surprise. "But everything went great. It's so exciting to be home for the holidays. I guess we're going to go decorate the house for Christmas," said Hall, who lives at Naval Base Point Loma.

Throughout the year, San

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Lifeguards vote to split from San Diego Fire Dept.

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Signaling it may be time for a change, the San Diego Lifeguard Union voted overwhelmingly Dec. 6 to split from the San Diego Fire Department and become its own separate "Marine Safety Department."

The vote of the lifeguard's union, with 92 percent of the 102 eligible lifeguards casting ballots, was 76 in favor of leaving SDFD, 18 opposed.

"The 95 percent turnout itself was unprecedented," said Lifeguard Union chief Ed Harris, who has vocally opposed department changes made by Fire Chief Brian Fennessy.

"We are very concerned about the weather conditions that have created an extreme fire threat," said Monica Munoz, SDFD spokesperson, responding to the lifeguard union's vote to disengage from the fire department. "We are laser focused on this effort, and not union issues at the moment."

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Police kill intruder at Sunset Cliffs home

On Sunday, Dec. 10, at approximately 6:07 a.m., the San Diego Police Department Communication Center received a 911 call reporting that a male was attempting to gain entry into a residence on the 1300 block of Trieste Drive.

The caller stated that a male had banged on their front door and windows demanding a knife so he could kill himself.

The first officers to arrive found a 24-year-old white male in the front yard of a residence on the 1200 block of Trieste Drive. This residence is throwing bricks at the directly next to the house officers who were parked where the radio call originated from and its front

front door and windows demanding a knife.

[The suspect]

banged on their

yard was elevated above the street.

The suspect has been identified as Kyle Zahacefski of Colchester, Conn. Investigators determined that Zahacefski arrived in San Diego on Dec. 9 via bus. It is unknown why he traveled to San Diego.

Zahacefski

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BUSINESS

Nati's Mexican Restaurant in Ocean Beach sold





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Police are requesting help finding OB arson suspects



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Long-time Ocean Beach Mexican restaurant, Nati's, sold

Will close for remodel and reopen as Nati's

Founded in 1960, Nati's Mexican Restaurant has been a staple in the Ocean Beach community serving Mexican food and creating what's known as "The Nati's Family."

After 57 years of operation, friends and owners Dennis Kerr and Marilyn Thomas have decided to pass the torch and sell the restaurant to an un-named buyer.

Kerr and Thomas own the corporation that operates Nati's, a landmark at the corner of Bacon Street and Niagara Avenue in Ocean Beach. Kerr and Thomas began working at Nati's as teenagers. Kerr, now 72, has spent 55 years affiliated with Nati's either as an employee, manager or owner. Thomas, who manages the daily operation, has been with the business nearly as long. This week, they announced the sale of the corporation.

"The restaurant business is best

suited for young, innovative and energetic people. Unfortunately, Marilyn and I no longer fall into that category," said Kerr. "A new owner will bring new ideas and energy to the business.

"It is our understanding that the business will close for about a month for some much-needed renovation and updating. Thereafter, the refreshed Nati's will re-open with the original staff and serve the consistent, Sinaloan-style Mexican food that has made it a local's favorite for

the past nearly 60 years," Kerr said.
"Marilyn and I are very proud of
the staff that has made Nati's the

icon it has become. Our present employees are hardworking, loyal and dedicated to quality food and service," said Kerr.

"We believe that those who want to, will be able to continue with the business. We are particularly thankful for those we have worked with over the years, but who are no longer with us: founders Vern and Charlene Lontz; head chef Luis

Bedoya and, of course, Luisa Allen. Luisa and Bedoya were with Vern Lontz when he opened Nati's in 1960."

"It is the multiple generations of loyal customers that have made Nati's what is quite possibly the longest continuous operating restaurant in Ocean Beach, and possibly San Diego," Thomas said. "Each year our customers vote us best restaurant in OB and support

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us with their continued and loyal patronage. We are grateful for their patronage and loyalty. Nati's customers are the best!"

The purchase of Nati's Inc., includes the business known as community with donations and Nati's Mexican Food and the real estate, according to the brokerage firm The Franco Realty Group, headed by Tony Franco.

Franco confirmed the new owner's plan to temporarily close Nati's to complete some remodeling

and immediately re-open as the same Nati's Mexican Food. The Franco Realty Group – with Tony Franco, and including Cody Wippel, Joe Medina and Joseph Rote – represented the buyer and seller.

Nati's has always supported the contributions. The restaurant has been recognized as the longest, continuous supporter of teams of the Point Loma Little League.

Current employees of the restaurant are known as part of 'The Nati's Family.'



Enjoy Point Loma Village...

A.L. Jacobs **Holiday Gift Ideas**

Here are two cool pieces. The first is an 18 karat rose gold sculptured design diamond ring. The mounting contains 33 round brilliant cut diamonds that weigh a total of 0.32 carats. The second is an 18 karat white and rose gold pendant and chain set with a briolette cut blue topaz weighing 5.16 carats and sixtysix round brilliant cut diamonds weighing a total of 0.37 carats.

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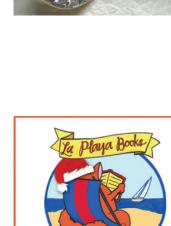
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City Council punts again on short-term vacation rentals

BY DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

After more than five hours of public testimony, and an impasse among its nine members, who split between two competing proposals to regulate short-term vacation rentals, San Diego City Council on Dec. 12 failed to approve new regulations to regulate the burgeoning industry.

The two proposals presented, which the council failed to merge, included a more-restrictive version (Option 1) authored by council members Barbara Bry and Lorie Zapf from Districts 1 and 2, and another less-restrictive proposal (Option 2) by inland council members Scott Sherman, Chris Ward Chris Cate and Mark Kersey. Swing votes consisted of City Council president Myrtle Cole of District 4, along with council members David Alvarez of District 8 and Georgette Gomez of District 9.

After multiple votes failed to gain a majority, Cole opted to end the hearing more than 10 hours after it began. Council members haggled over, and were unable to reach a compromise, on several issues regarding STVRs. Those stalemated issues included proposed ordinance language that could have raised legal issues, whether to limit issuance of permits to San Diego residents with primary residency in the city only, and other details including the length of minimum stays and the number of total days a year a residence could be shared as an STVR.

Neighbors citywide have been complaining for years about the alarming proliferation of unregulated STVRs, and about noise, trash and other complaints associated with them. Resi-

dents have also become increasingly concerned about outside interests coming in and buying up properties specifically to turn them into STVRs, which some contend removes units from the market worsening the existing housing crisis.

Appealing to the other side, in introducing she and Zapf's proposal, Bry pointed out the similarities between the two presented STVR ordinance proposals on the table.

"We both have unlimited home sharing and both agree on the importance of enforcement," said Bry. "In the end, politics is the art of the possible. We cannot punt this football down the road."

Bry said STVRs are a land-use issue, noting, "I can't build a gas station or raise cattle in my backyard."

"Our job is to make tough decisions," said Zapf, noting her coastal district "is the most impacted by STVRs.'

Largely due to the tourist industry, STVRs are disproportionately located along the coast. Not surprisingly, a large number of the approximately 200 people who testified before the City Council were beachfront residents.

Brian Curry, immediate past president of Pacific Beach Planning Group, said PB began asking the city to take action to curb the unchecked proliferation of STVRs as far back as

"The beaches — we're the most impacted," said Curry, noting he favored hosted home sharing, but not whole-house rentals of less than 30 days, which he characterized as "visitor accommodations."

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An arsonist set fire in the alley behind this home in the 4300 block of Newport Avenue on Dec. 7, which burned a large utility trailer and also damaged the garage, a motorcycle and a Toyota Prius. Damages were estimated at \$100,000.

Police request help finding suspects in OB arson fires

From Thursday Dec. 7 through Monday, Dec. 11, there have been a total of five arson fires in a relatively small area of Ocean Beach. The five cases were reported in the following areas:

- 4400 Orchard Ave.;
- 4300 Newport Ave.;
- 4400 Newport Ave.;
- 4400 Santa Cruz Ave.; and
- 4509 Muir Ave.

In all five cases, the fires occurred in the alley and were a result of an unknown person(s) lighting various items of debris and other combustible materials

on fire. All of the fires have occurred at night and there is no suspect information at this time.

Anyone with information is requested to call the San Diego Metro Arson Strike Team at 619-236-6815 or Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

Undercover auto theft operation busts 60 people

Sixty defendants have been indicted as a result of "Operation Kill Switch," an eight-month vehicle theft crackdown, the District Attorney's Office recently announced. The undercover operation was conducted by the San Diego County Regional Auto Theft Task Force, working with Homeland Security Investigations and Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

"Dozens of car thieves have been shut down as a result of this operation, thanks to the excellent work done by RATT and its law enforcement partners," said District Attorney Summer Stephan. "We've seen vehicle thefts start to go back up in recent years, so staying vigilant and supporting RATT's mission is an

important component of keeping San Diego one of the safest urban counties in the nation."

Beginning in February and ending in September, undercover officers purchased stolen vehicles, narcotics, body armor and firearms from more than 90 individuals. A San Diego County Grand Jury was presented with evidence of the purchases and returned indictments on 60 people. The defendants, some of whom worked as organized crime rings, face various felony charges vehicle theft, residential burglary, possession of stolen property and illegal weapons possession.

During Operation Kill Switch, more than 70 vehicles were recovered by law enforcement, with a total estimated value of \$1.1 million. Several luxury cars that had been stolen were purchased by undercover detectives, among them were vehicles manufactured by Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Audi, Cadillac, and a Tesla. Several U-Haul trucks were also recovered. Vehicles recovered had been stolen from across San Diego County, as well as Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside counties.

"In yet another collaborative effort, investigators from RATT, NCIS and HSI have made a significant impact in the reduction of auto theft throughout San Diego County. I am proud of the work that was done by our investigators and know these types of operations go a long way in protecting our communities," said RATT Commander Don Goodbrand.

Ask The Trust & Estate Attorneys

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What items are on your list to do in the beginning of 2018?

Taxes- Lets get our taxes prepared by a Certified Public Accountant, if you have other than the F7 tax form. Improve upon your system to keep track of your tax mat-

Estate Planning- I have all of my documents up to date and all of my assets are in the name of my trust or have designated beneficiaries. If you have not prepared for your

disability or death, then it is time to do so. It will be a big problem for your heirs if you don't do an planning. If you have not reviewed your documents in a few years then it is time to do so. Are your successor Trustees and Executors appropriate? Have any of your minor beneficiaries become adults?

Preservation of Assets- This may mean repairing the roof to you or your parent's home or selling assets in your retirement plan to provide you with sufficient cash for your first years withdrawal. You can take an inventory of your assets by simply making a list of them. Call an expert for advice!

Communicate- Write a letter or send a note to your family, friends or your congress person. Phone a friend you have not spoken to in a long time. They probably miss you, too.

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on the street below. Zahacefski ran towards the residence and the officers lost sight of him. Officers then heard breaking glass and believed the suspect was breaking into the residence. Officers followed the sound of the breaking glass and found a glass door to the residence had been shattered.

Believing Zahacefski had broken into the home and that the residents were in danger, officers entered the

home and immediately located the sust the bean bag round struck him. pect in the kitchen. Zahacefski had kitchen and pointed the knife at his throat. Officers repeatedly ordered him to drop the knife but he refused.

Instead, Zahacefski pointed the knife at officers and quickly walked toward them. Fearing for their lives, one officer fired several rounds from his AR-15 rifle and another officer fired one round from his bean bag shot-gun. Zahacefski was struck at least one time by an AR-15 round and collapsed to the floor. At this time, it is unknown if

Officers began providing first aid to retrieved a fixed blade knife from the Zahacefski. He was pronounced dead

> Two adults were asleep in the residence at the time of the shooting. Neither were injured. Zahacefski did not live at the address and did not have permission to enter.

> The San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit responded to the scene and is conducting the officer-involved shooting investigation. The involved officer is a 15-year veteran of the San Diego Police Department.



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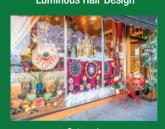




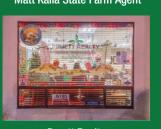




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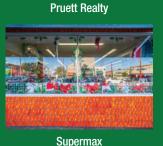


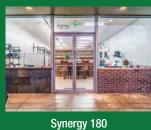


















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Shop local in Ocean Beach to find uniques gifts and eclectic choices

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

As we turn the corner toward Christmas and shopping kicks into an even higher holiday gear, the importance of shopping local and supporting homegrown merchants can't be overstressed.

And nowhere is giving that local support more vital than in the Peninsula.

"Ocean Beach has so many great local shops and restaurants," said Denny Knox, executive director of Ocean Beach MainStreet Association, the community's business



improvement district. "We're really excited to create exposure for the offered in our community to entice year held a nearly month-long Pass-

people to come to OB to shop small."

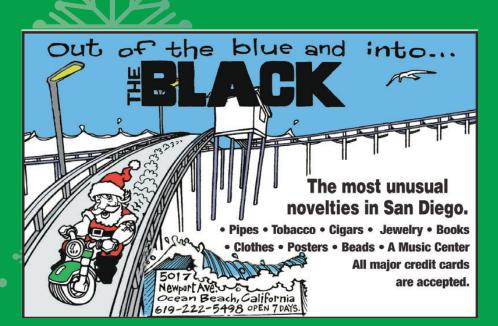
To promote small business-centric variety of retail, dining and services OB and shopping local, OBMA this

port contest between Small Business Saturday Nov. 25 and Dec. 20 - so there's still time to get your passport card in Shoppers collected hole punches (no purchase necessary) in cards from participating merchants. Once finished collecting card punches, participants qualified for a chance to win fabulous prizes from OB merchants.

While you're making your list and checking it twice, here are a few gift suggestions to consider from OB small businesses:

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WHEN YOU SHOP SMALL AT INDEPENDENT, LOCALLY OWNED BUSINESSES,

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OBMA: Give the gift of OB this season and enjoy family game night with Ocean Beach-opoly featuring real OB merchants (\$40), as well as the Ocean Beach Pier 1,000-piece puzzle (\$25).

"Adorn your holiday tree with the commemorative 2017 OB Ornament featuring the 25th anniversary of the OB Farmers Market," said Isabel Clark of OBMA.

"Drink up in style with OB coffee mugs, pint glasses, and shot glasses (\$5 each). OB hats (\$26) and tote bags (\$15) are available, too. Check out the full array of merchandise at

OceanBeachSanDiego.com or stop by the OBMA office at 1868 Bacon St. to take care of your holiday gifts.

Inn at Sunset Cliffs: Out-of-town guests arriving this year for the holidays? No worries. The Inn at Sunset Cliffs will make everyone feel special during their holiday stay at one of the best view locations in San Diego. And you'll enjoy the views even more from the Inn's newly remodeled Terrace Patio. Plus, new recent room upgrades only add to the experience.

San Diego Humane Society, 5500 Gaines St.: Has hundreds of homeless animals in need of homes and is waiving adoption fees for all animals from Dec. 15 through 24 at all campuses and satellite adoption centers. Every animal adopted from SDHS is spayed/neutered, current on all vaccinations, microchipped and is sent home with a certificate for a free veterinary exam, 30 days of worry-free pet insurance from Trupanion and his/her first bag of food from Purina.

Animals that are awaiting adoption can be found on the organization's website: sdhumane.org/how-you-can-help/adopt/available-pets. San Diego Humane Society adoption hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., seven days a week.

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gifts, Christmas stockings, and ideal gifts for everyone on your list. Beach Sweets is dedicated to quality, and making that special occasion both unique and simply delicious in every way." 619-222-3322, OceanBeach-Sweets.com.

Lighthouse Ice Cream, at 5059 Newport Ave.: claims to be the warmest and coziest place on the street. Serving hot Julian apple pie, hot fudge sundaes and their famous hot waffle ice cream sandwich. Not only will it warm your hands, but also, your heart. Celebrate the holidays with them. The parlor will be

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Dreamgirls fashions at 5054 Newport Ave.: has a wonderful selection of seasonal clothing and accessories – all at 20 percent off. That makes it easy to give the gift of fashion. Gift cards are available too!

The Black at 5017 Newport Ave.: Looking for a more iconic OB vibe selection? Check out The Black! It is actually a department store/gift shop/smoke shop. To say it is iconic is an understatement. The Black has a jewelry department, clothing, candles, incense, housewares and a music department with cards and books, not to mention a fine selection of tobacco and smoking pipes and accessories. It will blow your mind. The Black is OB. See what's new and old.

Coastal Sage Gardening & Botany for Kids at 3685 Voltaire
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Lucy's Tavern at 4906 Voltaire St.: You'll never be at a loss for holiday cheer at this local pub and restaurant. Enjoy live bands, and pool tournaments, and watching your favorite football team at Lucy's Tavern

Sunshine Company Saloon at 5028 Newport Ave.: Enjoy meeting friends at the always-friendly Sunshine Company of Ocean Beach.

Newport Pizza & Ale House at 5050 Newport Ave.: Craving a beer and a slice of pie after all the holiday indulging? Newport Pizza has 24 craft beers on tap and pizza by the slice.

Arizona Cafe at 1925 Bacon St.: Catch all your favorite sports at the Arizona Cafe. The place has several big-screen TVs, pool tables and tasty food and brew.

OB Kabob at 4994 Newport Ave.: Having a holiday party? OB Kabob can cater groups up to 300. See their ad for a 20 percent off coupon. They also feature whole lambs for your holiday party for pick-up on Christmas. Place your order three days in advance for just

Raglan Public House at 1851 Bacon St.: Is running a gift card special again this year. When a guest buys a gift card, they receive a free gift voucher (GV), as well that can be used at any time after the first of the year. It works as follows: Buy \$100 gift card, receive a \$50 drink GV; Buy a \$50 GV, get a \$25 drink GV; Buy a \$25 GC get a \$10 drink GV. "Its a great deal," said Raglan GM Kyle Jaworski.

Dog Beach Dog Wash at 4933 Voltaire St.: Christmas wouldn't be the same without special holiday deals at Dog Beach Dog Wash. Owner Jane Donley said the holidays are big for customers purchasing dog washes, nail trims and pet stocking stuffers. "We have a full array of gift-wrapped items, small and large," Donley said, adding coupon books with discounts on washes, gifts and other goodies are available. Guests are also treated to free hot spiced cider. "This year we have gift cards for any amount for merchandise," she said.

The Venetian Restaurant at 3663 Voltaire St.: If you're in the mood for Italian, The Venetian is the perfect place to dine this holiday season. A consistent award winner,



Creations Boutique is located at 4958 Newport Ave. and specialize in modern apparel for juniors and women and features a special selection from local designers.

make reservations for your holiday get-together today!

Sunset Garage at 1946 Bacon St.: Woody and his staff at Sunset Garage want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! They will keep you rollin' through the holidays. And get 10% off with the coupon in this issue.

Creations Boutique is Arizonabased boutique inspired by a global lifestyle and deeply rooted in bohemian influences that is excited also offer gift cards. To help you meet your gifting goals, the shop is running a special through Dec. 24, buy two items and get the third half off.

to be a part of the Ocean Beach community. The shop is located at 4958 Newport Ave. and specializes in modern apparel for juniors and women. Their creative one-of-a-kind environment features Angie Brand clothing, as well as a special selection from local designers. They have a wide variety for gift giving, and also offer gift cards. To help you meet your gifting goals, the shop is running a special through Dec. 24, buy two items and get the third half off



Ocean Beach Holiday Gift Guide



Holiday Indulgence

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2017 ornament - \$25 each or 2 for \$40 (past years are available as well)

Celebrating the *Farmers Market 25th Anniversary* The ornament is two sided.

Farmers Market Tote Bag - \$15 each





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Holiday Dining in Ocean Beach





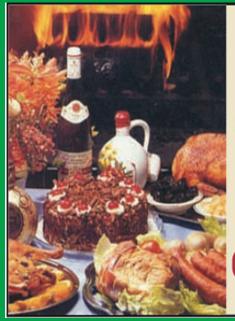
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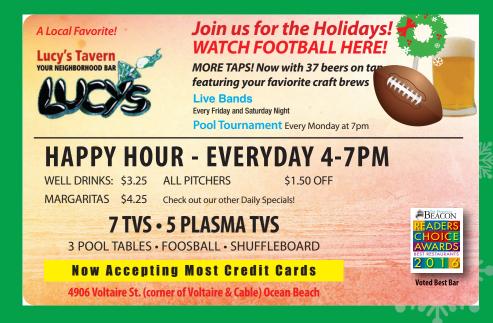




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Community Calendar



December 14

Book Drive

4 p.m. After finding out that Cabrillo Elementary School needed basic school supplies, Point Loma Assembly, 3035 Talbot St., provided funding for items on teachers' wish lists. Now, the organization is soliciting the help of the community to support the school's reading program. The school is accepting donations of new and gently used books for the library, and as gifts for the students. You can find a list of authors and subject matter at pointlomaassembly.org. While you are welcome to bring books from your own collection or shop at any retailer, you can also shop at book drive partner La Playa Books, 1026 Rosecrans St., which has created a special display from the school's wish list. The books will be presented to Cabrillo Elementary school librarian Virginia Stokely.



December 16

Pet adoptions

OB Surf Lodge, at 5083 Santa Monica Blvd., will hold a pet adoption event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SantaCon in PB

The inaugural Pacific Beach SantaCon bar crawl fundraiser for Toys for Tots welcomes all Surfer Santas, Garnet Grinches, Christmas Kooks & Rollerblading Rudolphs. Registration at Sandbox Pizza, 1014 Grand Ave., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

December 16

"The Gift of Love" Adoption Promotion at San Diego Humane Society

Adoption fees are being waived for all animals, courtesy of generous donors' gift. Hundreds of homeless animals are at San Diego Humane Society in need of homes, so pet adoption fees are being waived for all animals from Dec. 15 through 24 at all campuses and satellite adoption centers. For the 10 days before Christmas, all animal adoptions are sponsored by Sharon Blanchet of ABC Family Law and Phil and Pam Reed, Reed Team at Willis Allen Real



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December 26

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The Arts District's Dance Place in Liberty Station will offer a free day of classes for dance enthusiasts of all levels and abilities. Meet the instructors and take sample classes.

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Owners Andy Zlotnik and Jordan Brownwood, along with his wife Mariah Brownwood.

Royale replaces Sessions Public on Voltaire

By PAIGE FULFER | THE BEACON

Point Loma, get ready to welcome a new neighborhood favorite.

Owners Andy Zlotnik and Jordan Brownwood, along with his wife, Mariah Brownwood, are bringing their eclectic restaurant and bar backgrounds together to create a new space named Royale (formerly Sessions Public) for the community to eat, drink, and hang.

With a beachy, but modern vibe of blues, greens, chandeliers, and clean lines, Zlotnik and his crew made some design changes to the venue. "No more dark, reclaimed wood, and we are really opening the place up, making it light and bright," says Zlotnik, who also owns University Heights' Park and Rec and Waypoint Public (North Park and Del Sur).

Donning its new bright orange logo, Royale will serve as a fresh and fun take on a classic hamburger diner. The idea of modernizing the hamburger stand originates from Brownwood's acclaimed food cart, Royale with Cheese, which he start'We want to bring more people over to this corner on Voltaire Street.'

ANDY ZLOTNIK ROYALE CO-OWNER

ed while living in Austin, Texas.

Zlotnik and Brownwood, both having grown up in San Diego's East County, joined forces back in 2015 at Park and Rec, and are excited for their new collaborative venture on Voltaire Street.

With Brownwood growing hops, citrus, and some produce on his own Valley Center farm, the pair says they plan on incorporating fresh ingredients wherever possible. "The menu is going to be pretty simple," states Zlotnik. "Classic burger, fancy burger, grilled cheeses, some salads, chicken sandwiches, tater tots, fries, fried veggies, and roasted seasonal veggies."

The drink menu will include 8-10 craft beers and wine, but will really

ROYALE

Where: 4204 Voltaire St.

Hours: Opening in mid-December.

focus on delicious craft cocktails, catering to those who crave something new, fresh, and unique.

Got some youngens? No problem! "We are really looking forward to becoming a spot for families, as well and getting involved in the community," said Zlotnik, a Point Loma local. "We want to bring more people over to this corner on Voltaire Street, and also get involved with organizations like Little League, schools, etc."

Royale will be open from 4 p.m to close during the week, and 9 a.m. to close on the weekends. Their weekend brunch menu will feature an array of breakfast sandwiches and simple morning staples.

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Point Loma Fish Shop to drop anchor in 2018

Peninsula residents and visitors will soon enjoy fresh catches and other favorites brought by Point Loma Fish Shop. The newest location is dropping its net with an eatery slated to open in early February.

Southern California locals and visitors have been hooked on the Fish Shop since their first location opened in Pacific Beach in 2010.

"We have been anxiously waiting for an opportunity to bring our fresh fish concept to the Point Loma area," says owner Billy Ramirez. "We are very excited to be moving into the Point Loma area, what an amazing part of town to open," said Ramirez, who also owns Pacific Beach Shore Club. "This will be our fourth location — PB, Encinitas, Hermosa Beach and now Point Loma. We hope to expand the concept in different parts of San Diego."

The new Point Loma Fish Shop plans to offer the same menu as other locations, providing top-notch service and a boatload of fresh fish selections to choose from. Counter service will allow guests to dive into just about any type of seafood they are craving, select their preferred seasoning, and choose between hav ing it all tucked within a taco, sandwich, salad, or on a plate.

Other options will include their award-winning TKO Taco (grilled mahi-mahi with house-made tropical mango salsa), Spicy Dorado Taco (grilled mahi-mahi with Sirachaaioli coleslaw), house-made New England-style Clam Chowder with smoked Andouille sausage, and their juicy lemon-butter Swordfish Sandwich served with avocado on a torta roll.



Mahi mahi salad with citrus vinaigrette dressing is a popular dish at the Fish Shop.

POINT LOMA FISH SHOP

Where: 1110 Rosecrans St. Hours: Opening in early February.

Their chef's creations and \$1 oysters on Thursdays are sure to please, and ready to pair with one of their many San Diego microbrews, or wine that can be brought in for a mere \$5 corkage fee.

Located on the former Hollow Point Ale House property near the corner of Rosecrans and Canon, Point Loma Fish Shop will offer food delivery service as well as take out. With 2,200 square feet of space, visitors will enjoy docking on their roomy, dog-friendly patio or inside for lunch or dinner. Plenty of parking will also be available.

Sacred Heart Church volunteers make and give gifts to warm homeless

By PAIGE FULFER | THE BEACON

Louise Mansfield started "Knitting for the Needy" last winter. She remembers standing in the choir, singing during a service last holiday season, when she noticed people church behind the congregation.

"They had a blanket, but not much else. I felt so sorry for them," describes Louise. "I thought of how cold they must be, so I went to the pastor, and asked if it was OK if I

people." She suggested wrapping them up and giving them as Christmas presents next year.

Fast forward one year, and the has produced more than 100 hats,

hungry.

"One parishioner made more than 100 warm hats. She is so fast, it takes her about 30 minutes per hat! "Knitting for the Needy" program They're made with either donated yarn or scraps that people had lay-

sleeping in the doorways of the started making warm hats for these scarves, and gloves for the cold and ing around... a few women made some scarves. We also have a few pairs of fingerless gloves. The majority of what we have wrapped up are warm winter hats. We have some

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for women, men, and all different sizes. Even some children's things, because we do have families that come," Mansfield said.

The homemade gifts were graciously given out on Dec. 12, at Sacred Heart's Christmas party for the hungry. With the help of gener-

ous donations from Susie and Larry Baumann (owners of Tom Ham's Lighthouse and Bali Hai), the guests were able to feast upon turkey, green beans, mashed potatoes, fruit salad, green salad, and much more. Louise Mansfield was in charge of dessert, and she opted for a homemade spice cake with whipped cream.

The Christmas party was an

extension of their "Feeding the Hun- up early. Some get in line at 3 p.m., gry" meals the church hosts every two weeks. While Sacred Heart has an outreach program, Mansfield believes most people in the OB community seem to find out about these events through word of mouth. She says she recognizes many of the same people who come for their meals every two weeks. "They show

and are waiting outside of our doors, excited for their meals," Mansfield said.

Sacred Heart is optimistic for the future of helping their community, excited to begin a new partnership with Feeding San Diego. Feeding San Diego will collect food from establishments, and dole it out to provide **READ MORE ONLINE AT** sdnews.com

meals for the hungry. The church has also gathered donations from Trader Joe's, Einstein Bagels, and many other local supportive markets.

Sacred Heart has had its halls decked all season long, and was ecstatic to host its first Christmas party for the hungry.







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Following the union vote, Harris said the dispute is not about personalities, but rather about what's best ultimately for both San Diego firefighters and lifeguards.

"This isn't about Ed Harris versus chief Fennessy," Harris said. "You can remove all the names, and at the end

of the day, it's the structure of the department that needs to change."

Fennessy altered how radio dispatch works, with all water-related 911 calls now going first to the fire department instead of directly to lifeguards. Harris contends that communications switch delays lifeguards' emergency response times, threatening public safety.

Fennessy countered that Harris, a former city council member, was guilty

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of political grandstanding and that the proposed change was not needed, and would not streamline or improve safetv services.

Harris pointed out fire chiefs "change every two or three years," adding, the equipment used, and the roles of the two departments, are mutually exclusive in important ways.

"They (fire) don't know what we (lifeguards) do, and we don't know

what they do," Harris said.

Serge Dedina, mayor of Imperial Beach and a former lifeguard, said his city separated lifeguards out from firefighters into their own department. He characterized the change as a "no brainer."

"When you're running a city, departments should do what they do best," Dedina said. "You wouldn't have the planning department running

accounting or finance. Lifeguards are ocean- and bay-based aquatic professionals. They should focus on that. They need to run their own department. It's worked out really well for us. The issue is how to ensure people are safe everywhere."

Harris said the two-in-one SDFD is already substantially differentiated.

"We (lifeguards) already have a separate budget," he said. "We've always operated independently under (city) Park and Recreation."

Harris said the game plan now is for lifeguards to begin lobbying local plan groups and town councils, the mayor and the City Council to garner support for lifeguards becoming their own independent department.

Harris said there's no animosity between the two departments.

"Fire is a very important large department," he said. "The lifeguards are a very important small department. We are experts, and should be led by experts. This is a win-win for

The lifeguard union chief said separating fire and lifeguard services needn't be a long, drawn-out battle.

"It can be as simple as the mayor deciding to do a reorganization, basically change the organizational chart," he said adding, "We believe that's worth a fight."

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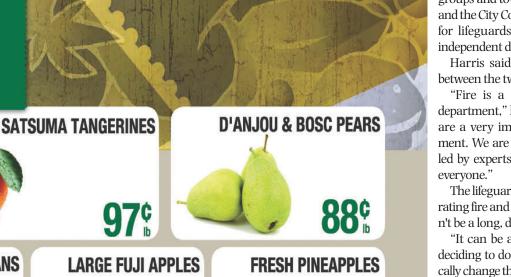
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