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Beaten tourist finally discharged, heads Down Under

By JILLIAN RISBERG | THE BEACON

A savage assault in Ocean Beach in February left Australian tourist Robert Schneider with life-threatening injuries but has not quelled his indomitable spirit or love of trav-

The 26-year-old was released from UC San Diego Medical Center in Hillcrest on Friday evening and has returned to Adelaide after five weeks of rehabilitation in San Diego. He said, however, he is still eager to get back up on a surfboard and quench his thirst for adventure.

On Feb. 27, Schneider was brutally beaten unconscious with a skateboard and thrown into a blazing fire pit at the foot of Abbott Street in Ocean Beach. Schneider spent two weeks in a medically induced coma and had multiple skin grafts to treat 2nd- and 3rddegree burns on his upper chest, back and stomach.

He will receive follow-up treatment at a trauma burn center in Adelaide and will be fitted with pressure garments to help with any scarring. He is healing well after reconstructive surgery on a severe skull fracture and a shattered eye



Australian tourist Robert Schneider, 26, holds a flier promoting a benefit dinner in his honor on April 13 downtown. Schneider was released from UC San Diego Medical Center in Hillcrest after five weeks of rehabilitation following a brutal beating in Ocean Beach on Feb. 27.

Schneider and his parents, Peter and Judy, held a news conference at the hospital Thursday to express their gratitude to the doctors and nurses who saw them through their

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Planning boards wrap election cycles, but vacancies remain

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

A smaller field of voters turned out to the polls April 3 in a run-off election to determine the last of five open seats on the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB).

Though all five seats have been filled, the board must now decide how to fill another vacancy created by the resignation of former board member Katheryn Rhodes.

Rhodes left the board following the initial March 20 election to work with other community groups in the city. She resigned March 21.

PCPB voters elected Shelly Kilbourn McGee, who nudged out the board's Airport Committee chair, Lance Murphy.

Nearly 460 voters handed

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OB planners seat incoming board

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

The Ocean Beach Community Planning Board (OBCPB) confirmed and seated their newly elected board members during a monthly meeting April 4 at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center.

Five of the seven seats available went uncontested with the contested seat filled after a three-way race.

The seventh seat, that of Shane Finneran, remains vacant because Finneran chose not to vote for himself,

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Antique bargain hunting

A shopper checks out items displayed Saturday during the Ocean Beach Antique District's Spring Cleaning Event on Newport Avenue. Five antique shops featured hundreds of unique items during the two-day event.

Western's new top cops hit ground running

By LORALEE OLEJNIK | THE BEACON

San Diego Police Department's (SDPD) Western Division has new leadership at the helm. Capt. Bill Edwards and Lt. Lori Luhnow began their assignments at Western Division earlier this

For Edwards, a 30-year veteran police officer who has been with SDPD since 1979, this is his third time working the division that includes Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Morena, Midway District, Hillcrest, Mission Valley, Mission Hills, University Heights and Linda Vista. In total, Western Division encompasses about 26 square miles and 176,000 people.

Edwards served Western Division as a police



Capt. Bill Edwards has assumed the helm at the San Diego Police Department's Western Division, along with SEE LEADERSHIP, Page 3 Lt. Lori Luhnow. Both have extensive SDPD resumes.

Surf Report

SATURDAY Hi: 2:44 a.m. 6:05 p.m. Low: 10:43 a.m.

Wind: 4-11 mph

SUNDAY Hi: 4:23 a.m. 6:50 p.m. Low: 11:52 a.m. 10:30 p.m. Size: 3-4 ft. Size: 3-4 ft.

Wind: 6-11 mph

Prodigious alum

A Point Loma High School grad is capturing the spotlight in Seattle with her theatrical work "Wake." 8

You made the call

Our readers weigh in on their favorite local merchants with the Beacon's inaugural Readers Choice Awards 2007. INSIDE

Pointers catching fire

After getting off to a sluggish start this season, the Point Loma High baseball team is suddenly finding a groove. 9

De Anza Mobilehome Park's fate, resolution still in murky waters

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

A decades-old legal battle over money and land between the city and residents of De Anza Mobilehome Park continues with small steps forward but no immediate resolution in sight.

dents to move from the park to free up the public land for public use. But representatives for the residents continue to hold out for more money, saying that the city should give them anywhere from \$48 million to \$84 million in fair market value for their

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The city still wants De Anza resi- homes and other relocation expenses, according to Vincent Bartolotta, an attorney representing the De Anza residents.

In the past, the city has offered residents up to \$8,000 for moving out, which the residents rejected,

which does not include any money from the land because they don't own the land, and you're taking it away, why shouldn't they get 130,000, the fair market value, the price of their home?" Bartolotta said.

Court rulings filed in March rejected the residents' claim that the city should pay fair market value for the homes. The court order issued by Judge Charles R. Hayes requires the city to prepare a relocation plan in accordance with state law.

The order also requires that two "special masters" — usually a retired judge — oversee the relocation process.

However, Bartolotta said the his firm filed a request in late March asking the court for detailed clarification of the relocation process, including an explanation of how the special masters are chosen.

"Does each side choose one (special master) or do we all get together and see who's going to do the report?" he said.

Bartolotta said the court has 15 days to respond to his request but

"If that home is worth \$130,000, added that there may be delays.

The City Attorney's Office is trying to cooperate with the De Anza residents, said Deputy Attorney Mia Severson. The city contacted the lawyers for De Anza, giving them 10 days to submit a list of candidates for special master. Severson said the city attorney's office heard no reply from Bartolotta's firm before the April 4 deadline.

"The city would like to comply with the court's order and would like to work towards a way of moving the property back to the public use in a way that's respectful to the residents and in a way that provides them reasonable mitigation that provides for relocation," Severson said.

The city had plans to close the park in November 2003 to make room for public use of the area. Since then, De Anza residents have been arguing with the city over how much the city should be required to compensate residents. Some of residents have medical needs or are on a fixed income and may not be able to afford housing somewhere else, attorneys for De Anza residents said.







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Visitors are reflected in an overhead mirror during the San Diego Book Arts ninth annual Edible Book Tea at the Watercolor Society Gallery, NTC Pomenade at Liberty Station in Point Loma, on April 5. The event featured books made from edible materials, and prizes were award to the best entrants.

officer from 1980 to 1984 and as a lieutenant from 1986 to 1988, finally returning as captain Jan.

Luhnow is an SDPD veteran of nearly 20 years, with an impressive resume. She became the department's first female SDPD motorcycle officer in 1993 and headed up the highly successful administrative citation program, wherein homes hosting loud par-

ties are subject to \$1,000 civil assessment fines. This is Luhnow's first time policing Western Division. She began on Feb. 22 and focuses on the Ocean Beach, Point Loma and Rosecrans areas.

The Beacon had the opportunity to sit down with Edwards and Luhnow to discern their perspectives on policing the community. The results are presented in question-and-answer format.

Characterize Western Division from a policing perspective.

Edwards: You have very diverse

communities. You also have very influential communities. I would say the people are very pro-police. They want to work with the police department. The challenges we face are that we are rebuilding an organization and trying to improve staffing levels to provide the level of service that I think the public has come to expect from

Luhnow: The biggest thing I've noticed already is the level of community support and involvement.

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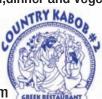


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darkest hour.

"He was pretty bashed up. It was horror, and I was broken," said Judy Schneider. "The surgeries they performed on him have really returned him to life for us, and we are so grateful. We know that God had no intentions to let our son die in that fire, and this is a testament to that.'

Peter Schneider agreed.

"Their compassion, their understanding, their love, has kept us up because there were days where we would have gone down," said Peter Schneider.

It was a team effort, according to Dr. Bruce Potenza, director of the Regional Burn Center.

"I'm hopeful that you've seen the best that our country has to offer after having lived through the worst," Potenza said.

He said Robert Schneider surpassed medical expectations and is expected to make a full recovery but that he may experience symptoms consistent with a traumatic brain injury.

"Headaches, memory loss, concentration, slight personality changes, and over time I would expect those to improve," Potenza said.

The Schneiders praised the response from the San Diego community.

"There were two bad people in San Diego; there's been thousands of people that have poured their hearts out to us," Peter Schneider said. "We can be standing here smiling today. Five weeks ago we were bawling our eyes out, really upset - the people of San Diego have lifted us up.'

While the Schneiders are relieved by the recent arrests of two tran-

sients linked to Robert Schneider's beating — Damian Maple, 21, and Frank Montoya, 46, in Idaho and Oregon, respectively, on felony torture and mayhem charges — they said their first responsibility is to their son.

Maple, who has since been extradited to California, pleaded not guilty during an arraignment in San Diego court Monday. He is being held on \$1 million bail.

Montoya has yet to be extradited, according to prosecutors.

"They need to stand accounted for what they did to Robert; that's not acceptable," Peter Schneider said. "But, from our point of view, Robert's alive (and) he's recover-

The case was brought to a successful resolution through the joint efforts of police and witnesses who came forward.

"In all honesty, this is probably one of the more brutal, sadistic-type crimes that I've heard, and I think that this thing just got out of hand," said Capt. Bill Edwards of the police department's Western Division.

Even before the Feb. 27 incident, recent media reports of crimes against overseas travelers left family members concerned, they said.

"Robert's been away since May last year and there was always that little niggling thing in the back of the head, 'We hope it doesn't happen to us," Peter Schneider said.

With the life-altering event behind him, Robert Schneider had a few parting words for the city that embraced him.

"Thank you, everyone. Thank you, San Diego," he said.

For gifts to the Friends of Robert Schneider Fund at Wells Fargo Bank (account No. 7707402199), make checks payable to: "Friends of Robert Schneider," Outdoor Travel Adventures, c/o "Robert Schneider Campaign," P.O. Box 60084, San



JILLIAN RISBERG I THE BEACON

Robert Schneider, center, participates in a news conference with mother Judy and father Peter on April 3. The Schneiders thanked doctors at UC San Diego Medical Center in Hillcrest and the San Diego community at large.



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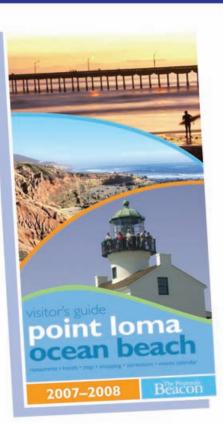
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Additionally, a fundraising dinner event is planned for Sunday, April 13 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Bondi, 333 5th Ave. in the Gaslamp Quarter of downtown. Admission is \$8 and includes an Australian barbecue, a live band and a raffle for grand prizes: two tickets to Australia and a trip for two to Fiji.

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McGee a 246-count victory over Murphy's 212 votes. McGee joins J. Scott Brown, Jim Lester, Charles Mellor and Donna Kaup as board members-elect.

Only two candidates faced off on the run-off election because four candidates on the original March 20 ballot withdrew from the race.

time around were incumbents Geoff Page, Mignon Scherer and Patti Barbee-Rank and challenger Harris Steiner.

A dust-up over who would remain on the ballot just hours before the election caused city officials — at the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office to step in.

"The candidates requested that their names be withdrawn and the city accommodated that electioneering.

request," said Max Stalheim of the city's Planning and Communitv Investment Planning Department. "I think ultimately it made for a clearer ballot and certainly that's going to assist the electorate.

PCPB Election Committee chair Cal Jones, however, said the city shouldn't have interfered with the election process without first consulting the entire board. Though the candidates told Jones they wanted out of the race, he said Not included on the ballot this he refused to confirm that for the

> 'They [city officials] have commandeered the election process and procedures without the board's consent or the electorate's consent," he said.

> Jones said changing the ballot in the middle of an election is unfair to voters.

> Conversely, Deputy City Attorney Alex Sachs said the election went fairly well with no reports of

Still, questions remain because of an attempt by Page — the exiting PCPB chair — to declare both the March 20 vote and April 3 run-off elections illegal. As a result of Page's decision, Sachs said the City Attorney's Office would be looking into allegations of impropriety lodged by Page.

IEWS

With the results of the two recent elections potentially in limbo, yet another vote may be in store for Peninsula voters.

In a memorandum to board members, the City Attorney's Office recommended a special election be held to fill the vacancy left by Rhodes.

If the board decides to follow the city attorney's recommendation this year, ballots could be cast yet again sometime soon.

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claimed the only contested seat Watson said. CONTINUED FROM Page 1

according to OBCPB chair Landry Watson.

"Any person who fills out a petition could potentially be appointed [to the board]," he

To qualify for the seat the applicant must live or own a business in the area they want to represent and must also gather 35 signatures from residents or business owners in the area. To download an application, visit www.obpb.org.

The board seated the six new chair. board members April 4.

for the district around Newport Avenue. The seat represents many businesses in the surrounding area, according to Watson.

Connolly received about 37 votes, edging Eli Ben-Moshe, who garnered 28 votes. Patrick Tyler Farmer also ran for the seat and collected about 3 votes, according to the unofficial count.

As a result of the uncontested races, the board also seated Ronson Shamoun, Brittany Taylor, Michael Taylor and George Murphy and appointed new board member Giovanni Ingolia as vice

Taylor served on the OBCPB Newly elected board members about two years ago and returns include Seth Connolly, who after a break from the board,

In other board news, the board overwhelmingly approved both projects on this month's agenda, Watson said.

The board approved a permit to convert existing residential units at 4862 Santa Monica Ave., into a veterinary hospital.

The board also approved an application for a condominium conversion project currently under construction at 4844 Coronado Ave., Watson said.

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Tax board offers tips to last-minute filers

California Franchise Tax Board

Here is a last-minute filing tip for Californians from the state Franchise Tax Board: tax errors can cause major delays in processing your

With only days left before the April 15 tax deadline, the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) is offering last-minute tips for taxpayers and outlining the top-10 tax filing errors that delay refunds.

"There is time left for even the most complicated returns, and we offer a number of tools that can help you speed up your refund and prevent errors in the filing process," said state controller and FTB chair John Chiang.

"A taxpayer can file his or her return online today and have a refund in the bank well before April 15," he said.

Speed up your refund Taxpayers who file online and have their refunds issued by direct deposit often get refunds within a week. Paper returns requesting checkissued refunds will take six to eight weeks.

Avoid Common Errors The 10 most common errors

1) Estimated tax payments: claimed amounts do not match

FTB records. 2) Payments and credits: amounts either incorrectly added or subtracted from total

3) Withholding credits: amount of withholding claimed does not match W-2s.

4) Estimated tax transfer: incorrect refund amount transferred from previous tax year.

5) Excess State or Voluntary Plan Disability Insurance (SDI/VPDI): excess amount not substantiated.

6) Exemption credits: claimed amounts miscalculated due to income limitations or computation errors.

7) Amended returns: incorrect amounts transferred from original return to amended return.

8) Tax: wrong amounts selected from the tax table on paper returns.

9) Renter's credit: wrong amounts claimed for filing status, income limits exceeded, or not qualified due to residency status.

10) Deductions: incorrect amounts claimed for standard or itemized deductions.

FTB's new "My FTB Account" service can help taxpayers avoid many of these errors by allowing them to view their estimated tax payments, California wage and withholding information, and other useful information online. Electronic filing programs, like CalFile and ReadyReturn, also catch many errors before the return is submitted.

Need Extra Time?

California automatically gives taxpayers a filing extension on their state returns to Oct. 15. But if you owe tax this year, make sure you pay that amount by April 15 to avoid interest and penalties. If you can't afford to pay by April 15, you can request a payment plan online. You will generally qualify if you owe less than \$25,000 and can pay your taxes within five years.

Tips and information submitted as a public service by the California Franchise Tax

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dog waste may be cause for ban along boardwalks

I'm writing because of what I have witnessed over a 24-hour period. I have been witness to more dog feces on the boardwalk and beaches than I care to.

With that being said, I think we need to examine a ban of dogs on the boardwalk. I am not against dogs; I'm just against the lazy owners that can't clean up after them.

I ride my bike on the boardwalk on a daily basis and I see more dog remains all over the place. If we are reviewing a ban of alcohol at the beach for the reason of cleanliness, I truly believe we should take a real look at restricting dogs. We have dog beaches for them and they can run and crap all day long, and if the owners don't want to clean up after their dogs, fine, because the only people that will be stepping in the remains will be fellow dog owners, not innocent bikers out for

I don't know if you've ever had the displeasure of cleaning dog remains from the treads of your bike tires, so let me tell you firsthand that I would rather do something else, like, say, stub my toe extremely hard, rather than do this.

I believe that the number of people drinking causes the

same percentage of problems as those who don't clean up after their dogs. Over a 24-hour period, I witnessed two dog owners not clean up after their pets. This is littering and should be treated as such, and the fine should correspond to that of littering.

Those same percentages also don't know what the leash law is and the hours they're permitted to walk.

If we are restricting the drinking of alcohol at the beach to keep our beaches clean, we need to examine the restriction of dogs for that same reason.

Let the dogs have Dog Beach and let humans have the rest of the beach and boardwalk. At least beer cans are recyclable and picked up because they hold a cash value for someone.

James Olson

Encourages action, not warnings for smoke shops

When a deputy city attorney talks about a lack of political will to go after smoke shops, I have to wonder what's going on at City Hall ("Warning distributed to area smoke shops," Beacon, April 3, page 12).

I've met Makinne Hammond, and she is a highly motivated,

articulate person, very available to work on community crime issues here at the beach. So, I was floored to hear her quoted in your paper as saying '... but I don't know if there is the political will to go after marijuana.'

YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE SHE'S DICK CHENEY.

For crying out loud, between Pacific Beach and Mission Beach there are 11 of the damn things; that's 20 percent of the total for the entire city! Smoke shops are an eyesore and common sense would tell you that they contribute to the high number of drug problems in our community.

Let's not be naive; a bong is not for tobacco and the proprietors know it. As for "political will," the PB Planning Board, Town Council and Business Improvement District (Discover PB) have all contacted their elected officials to complain about smoke shops.

What is this if it's not an expression of political will?

Instead of sending warning letters, how about some prose-

Let's find out in court whether the "doofus defense" ("Gee, we don't know whether this stuff is used for inhaling illegal drugs") tried by these shop proprietors will hold up in court.

> **Bill Bradshaw** Mission Beach

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Through my interaction with people, I am pleasantly surprised at how much support we have and [by the] understanding they give us toward our challenges right now with staffing and their willingness to help out. They aren't looking for us necessarily to own some of the problems that they can help with. In fact, they're proactive in trying to solve their own problems, and they just need a little support from us, and we're more than happy to give it to

Other than departmental challenges such as staffing, what are some specific challenges for Western Division?

Edwards: When you talk about Ocean Beach and Point Loma,

obviously you always have an issue with homeless problems. It's an area people migrate to. You've always had auto thefts and car prowls, but one of the things that's changed that I've noticed from the last time I worked here is you're starting an upturn in violent crime, and it's more of people within the community later in the evening/early morning hours attacking each other, and that's something that's a little unusual. We've had homicides, some severe ones, and we've had violence out there, but this to me is a different type of activity that I'm not used to seeing in the Ocean Beach area. Obviously, everyone's well aware of the situation at the fire ring (the brutal Feb. 27 attack on Australian tourist Robert Schneider, who was beaten and thrown into a fire ring in OB. Both suspects have been taken into custody). That's one of the more brutal

crimes that I can think of. What's the point of reason?

What are going to be your strategies for policing Western?

Edwards: The new patrol chief [Boyd Long] has asked each division to come up with goals. I've already asked each sergeant to get with their squads and develop some divisionwide goals. It may be a little bit different depending on [the] community, but I need to come up with three or four common goals we can work on for the next year to two years or longer and still fulfill the mission of the San Diego Police Department. And what's specific to enhancing public safety and improving quality of life? Some of the basic tenets that this department has built its reputation on: community policing, problem solving, working in

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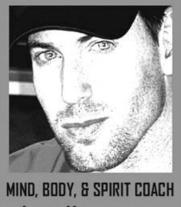
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PLHS alumnus making a 'Wake' in Seattle's theater spotlight

By KATE SEARCY | THE BEACON

seeing her latest theatrical work produced onstage for audiences in the Seattle area. Playwright Sonya Schneider's latest work, "Wake," is currently in preparations for its ductions and directed by Laurel

world premiere.

"It's totally amazing," Schneider One of Point Loma's own is now said. "I started this process about a year ago. I began writing the first draft of the play and it has evolved so dramatically since then."

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Pilar Garcia, "Wake" includes a cast was still teaching there. of seven ensemble actors.

of the play on its official blog, www.wakeplay.blogspot.com: 'Thirteen years ago, the Harlow family suffered a tragedy that cast a shadow over all their lives. When two outsiders join a special family gathering, relationships changed, assumptions are challenged and a world where the truth has been too painful to accept is forever altered.'

Schneider said her inspiration for writing the play came from close to home.

"Its roots are definitely in my family history," she said.

Schneider said the process of writing the piece took about a year to complete, during which time she said she went through at least four full drafts before completion.

"The more I imagined it and first conceived it, the more it took on a life of its own," Schneider said.

A 1996 Point Loma High School (PLHS) graduate, Schneider said she was lucky enough to be enrolled at the school during the same time that noted English, visual performing arts teacher and musical theater program director Larry Zeiger

"I was fortunate enough to be in According to a short description Point Loma before his retirement and we put on a great show," Schneider said. "I had a very small part. That was one of my first forays into live theater."

> Zeiger, for whom the school's performing arts center is now named, retired last June after 33 years of service to the school. His musical theater and cinema arts program's unique curriculum, one in which he had his students write, choreograph, design and produce their own musical each year, was recognized by both local and national media outlets for its groundbreaking and successful nature.

> Zeiger was also awarded an Emmy by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences during the 33rd annual Pacific Southwest Emmy Awards in June.

> In addition to her experiences with Zeiger, Schneider said she continues to utilize all she learned from her seminar English teacher, Cynthia Hedges.

> "She was hugely influential in just helping me focus on writing," Schneider said.

Outside her years at PLHS, Schneider said she gained a lot of

knowledge and inspiration from the plays she saw at La Jolla Playhouse, where she said she saw many of her first plays.

After graduating from Point Loma High, Schneider said she earned an English degree and studied playwriting at Stanford University. Schneider said she worked at the Manhattan Theatre Company before relocating to Seattle.

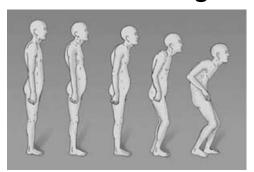
"I've worked in theater now for five years, in the administrative side, and I've seen new plays happen and change," said Schneider. 'But I had no idea what that meant for my own work. Writing a play is just one piece of the puzzle that's a collaboration between the actors, the designers and the production of the play.'

Schneider said she hopes to return to San Diego.

"Well, I hope one of my plays comes to San Diego, so I have a reason to return [to] see all my friends and family and go to the beach,' Schneider said.

Performances run through Sunday, April 13 at Little Theatre, 608 19th Ave. East on Capitol Hill in Seattle. Tickets are \$10 to \$15. For information, visit www.brownpapertickets.com.

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Mailers who desire proof of mailing and delivery should request Certified Mail with Return Receipts.

Tax forms are not available at most post offices but are available visiting www.irs.gov/formspubs/index.html or www.ftb.ca.gov/forms/.

The number and hours of post offices open late has decreased because of the reduced volume of tax returns mailed on the deadline.

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partnership — it still holds true

Luhnow: We're still in the assess-

ment phase where we're getting input from our sergeants and the community to establish those goals. We want to spend our time on the important issues to them. The changes that may occur from here

on out aren't going to be that noticeable because the officers and sergeants are still the same and they're the backbone for us.

Any other message you would like to get out to the community?

Edwards: Obviously, please, if there are issues, make sure you bring it to our attention. The number for Western is (619) 692-4800. If it's an emergency, call 9-1-1 or (619) 531-2000 to report crimes. Continue to stay involved. Everyone knows everybody's struggling right now, and don't lose faith; things will get better. This has always been a good organization to work for, and the people believe in it. There's a lot of dedicated people around here.



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Surf's up at Sacred Heart Academy

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For the first time in the 50-year history of Sacred Heart Academy, the school has formed a surf team. According to Sacred Heart Academy surf coach Andrew Cohick, some local businesses have already offered to sponsor the team to help it get started, but the team is hoping for more members and sponsorships. For information, call (619) 222-7252.

PLHS baseball team makes resurgence

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | THE BEACON

After a slow start, the Point Loma High School (PLHS) Pointers baseball team has reversed its momentum with a 6-2 record over the last eight games, including a resounding 10-0 home victory over University City last Wednesday.

"We got off to a slow start at 0-4 and played three top-10 teams

(La Costa Canyon, Scripps Ranch and Oceanside), but we were able to learn a lot of lessons against some good teams. Our pitching staff has matured through experience and our defense has improved," said PLHS head coach Jon Posternak.

The Pointers were outscored 50-24 in the first four games but have evened things up by outscoring opponents 48-28 over the eight-

game stretch.

PLHS looks to return to the CIF playoffs. The team posted a 17-15 record in 2007.

The Pointers hope to continue the momentum this week when they face non-league opponents Patrick Henry and San Ysidro in the Metro League Tournament before the Western League sched-

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ule begins on April 14 against

"We've been able to learn from our mistakes, which is a sign of a good team, and have been getting stronger every game," Posternak

In the past two games alone, Point Loma has outscored its opponents 21-1 with victories over Hoover and University City.

Juniors Matt Arlington and Coleman Cox have helped lead the way during Point Loma's recent resur-

"They are the top two in our batting order and have a done great job of getting on base,"

Posternak said.

Arlington leads the Pointers with a .444 batting average and .556 on-base percentage, while Cox is second on the team in both categories with a .432 batting average and .533 on-base percentage.

The Pointers have 10 seniors on their 19-player roster.

The Western League appears to be one of the strongest in the city

again this season. The current if not the toughest league along non-league standings demonstrate the strength of the league with only one of the seven schools under .500. Clairement is 3-10. Conversely, Cathedral (13-3), Coronado (13-4), La Jolla (9-4-1) and Mission Bay (11-7) are all above .500, while University City (7-7) and Point Loma (6-6) are at .500.

"We play in one of the toughest

with the Avocado League in the county. Cathedral, Coronado and Mission Bay are all good teams,' said Posternak.

'Our attitude is very positive with 14 games left in the season. Our guys enjoy the competition and look forward to proving themselves the rest of this season," he

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U. of Washington Huskies dominate Crew Classic

By PAUL DOUGLAS | THE BEACON

At the largest gathering of eightperson crews in the U.S. in four years, including more than 90 teams and 3,000 athletes, the historic favorites proved their power over the waters, as the University of Washington returned after a threeyear absence to win the top events.

The Huskies took home the men's Copley Cup and the women's Jessop-Whittier Cup Sunday, April 6, from the 35th annual Crew Classic on Mission Bay at Crown Point Shores. Washington's dominance has not been felt since 2002. Since then, Cal, Stanford and USC have stepped in. But it seemed the big dogs are back.

Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Purdue, Stanford, UCLA, USC, Notre Dame — name a great university and it probably was there.

Local crews also made impressive strides rowing against the elite crews. UCSD posted a 6-minute time against teams from Ohio State, Syracuse and Penn. The time was 7 seconds from a win and 20 seconds off the best of the best, but to be that close in the Copley Cup class, the accomplishment for a nonscholarship Division II school was like Joes versus the Pros.

The UCSD men moved up to the top class in 2008 after winning the Cal Cup in 2007.

The top women's performance was put in by the USD varsity crew. The Toreros finished second in the women's Cal Cup, just under a second behind UC Davis and 10 seconds ahead of SDSU, which came in

"Second place is our best-ever performance. We got a third before, so we are moving up," first year head coach Kim Cupini said. "It was a great race — I'm happy.'

After two years as assistant coach, the USD alum knows her competition.

"We have met and beaten all the other teams in our (WCC) conference," Cupini said. "But we haven't met Gonzaga, so the conference championships in three weeks (May should be a good match-up.

The local universities haven't seen a women's team win a major victory since the SDSU women won the women's Cal Cup race in 2005.

On April 12, the city championships between USD, UCSD and SDSU will play out on Mission Bay.

Other highlights of the Crew Classic competition included both the men's masters from the San Diego Rowing Club (SDRC) and women's masters from ZLAC remaining competitive against Long Beach and Northern California club crews by reaching the grand finals.

Local participants included teams from UCSD, SDSU, USD, the ZLAC women's club and SDRC. All of them make their home on Mission Bay.

SDRC and ZLAC offer junior summer camp programs. SDRC is coed, while ZLAC features introductory camps for high school-age girls. SDRC information is available at www.SDRC-row.org; click on "juniors." For ZLAC club on Pacific Beach Drive, visit www.ZLAC.com.



Solare Ristorante and Lounge a bright addition to Liberty Station

By PATRICIA M. WALSH | THE BEACON

operated Solare Ristorante and Lounge has officially opened its icate doors in the NTC Promenade area of Liberty Station.

Italian for "sunlight," Solare is the creation of a husband-and-wife team, chef-owner Stefano Ceresoli and Roberta Ruffini.

The couple also owns Caffe Bella Italia in Pacific Beach. Solare fuses Asian influences with contemporary gourmet Italian cuisine and service in its 4,000-square-foot restaurant, which includes a dining area, lounge, outdoor patio, glassed wine room and private din-

A visible grill offers fresh seafood and a focus on hormone-free meat, capriccios and oysters. Italian-style thin-crust gourmet pizzas are fired from the stone oven. The glassed wine room is the focal point of the restaurant, which features a selection to emphasize the flavors from the menu. In the lounge area, tapas, wines and specialty drinks are served. The private room, Prana, seats up to 24 diners and will feature cooking classes for children and adults.

The co-executive chef is Mark Pelliccia, who brings more than 15 years of culinary arts to Solare.

"We're interested in using only the freshest ingredients and newest technology to provide an evening that will excite the senses," he said. "The menu will fuse world influences, slow cooking and gourmet sensibilities."

Ruffini's passion for aesthetics is on display throughout the restaurant, which was custom-designed with items hand-picked by her and ing between newcomers and

From floor to ceiling, the restau-The independently owned and rant envelops diners in organic elements — natural wood floors, delwindow fabrics, custom-made teak tables and chairs and a fountain imported from Bali. The organic elements are ensconced in the warm goldenhued walls to create a positive energy and an inviting atmosphere. Ruffini points to the spiralshaped tie-backs holding the sheer curtain fabric. The shape, which represents the "O" in the Solare logo, symbolizes energy, she said.

Solare is the first restaurant to open outside The Marketplace at Liberty Station, which includes Vons, Trader Joe's and 18 other eateries, coffee shops and restaurants. Other sections of Liberty Station include NTC Landing, with historic buildings; Harbor Square, site of two hotels and the future Nickelodeon Hotel by Marriott; NTC Park and Esplanade, a waterfront public park; Sail Ho Golf Course; and the residential neighborhoods of Admiralty Row, Beacon Point and Anchor Cove.

Solare appears to be the perfect accompaniment to the NTC Promenade. At the heart of the former Naval Training Center, the Promenade is home to two nonprofit artistic endeavors — ARTS: A Reason to Survive, and the New Americans Museum and Learning Center. ARTS is dedicated to healing, inspiring and empowering children facing life challenges by providing innovative arts-based programs, education and opportunities.

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days through Saturdays. A casual quick menu features panini, fresh

her husband, a native of Milan. native-born Americans while help-soups and salads. Through April the restaurant will be open for reg-13 a Chef's Gourmet Tasting Menu is being served at dinner. A four-Solare is currently open for course dinner with complementlunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Moning wines is available for \$50 per person (plus tax and gratuity), and a six-course meal is offered for call (618) 270-9670 or visit fish sandwiches and healthful \$69. Beginning Monday, April 14 www.solarelounge.com.

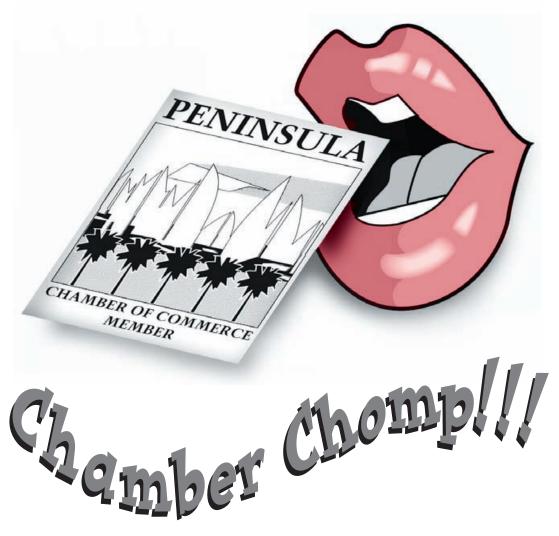
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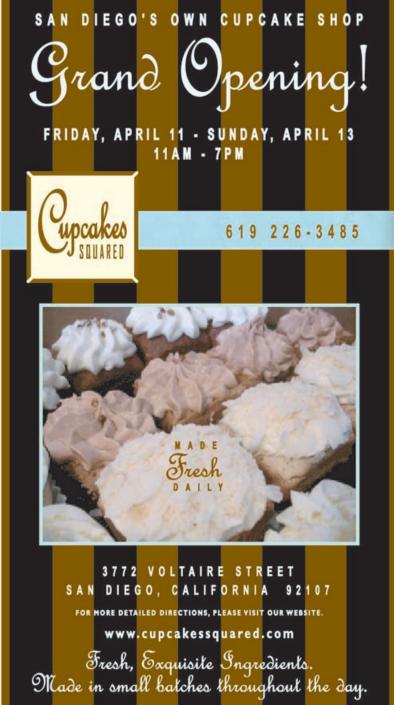
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April Arnk Ahead

COMMUNITY/CIVIC

Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13, the Point Loma-based Thursday Club hosts 81st annual Rummage Sale to benefit 16 local charities and organizations. The free event takes place at the Balboa Park Municipal Gym, 2111 Pan American Plaza. For more information, call 224-5264, or www.thethursdayclub.org.

Sunday, April 13, 1 to 4 p.m., Fostering Opportunities Dollars for Scholars hosts spring fling with free food, games and socializing. Event takes place on the east side of Shelter Island. For more information or to RSVP, call (619) 871-2135.

Saturday, April 19, 1 p.m., Friends of Famosa Slough will host a free bird walk featuring an easy walk with good views of a variety of birds and salt marsh habitat in the Ocean Beach/Point Loma preserve. Participants are asked to bring binoculars and meet at the first bench on Famosa Boulevard south of the intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. For information, call (619) 224-4591, or visit www.famosaslough.org.

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. to Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m., Peninsula Chamber of Commerce hosts 2008 Relay for Life at the Point Loma Nazarene University track. The event raises money for cancer research, advocacy, education and services. For more information, call Cathy Gallagher at (619) 849-2564, or e-mail cathygallagher@pointloma.edu.

Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m., Parkinson's Disease Association of San Diego hosts 5K Walk and Fun Run at the NTC Promenade at Liberty Station. Registration at 8 a.m. Cost is \$25 by April 16, \$30 day of event; children 12 and under \$15. For more information, call (877) 737-7576, or visit pdasd.org.

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dana Unit of Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary presents seventh annual Point Loma Garden Walk to benefit Rady's craniofacial services program. The event includes home and garden tours along with a garden boutique from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3215 Tennyson St. Advance tickets are available for \$15 from Walter Anderson Nursery, Mission Hills Nursery on Fort Stockton Drive, Cottage Antiques or Armstrong Garden Center on N. Morena Boulevard. Tickets are \$20 the day of event. For more information, call (619) 225-0459, or visit www.pointlomagardenwalk.com.

Saturday, May 17, 6 p.m. to midnight, High Tech High Parents Association hosts fourth annual fundraising event, "Catwalk Casablanca: Midnight at the Oasis," to benefit schools in the High Tech High Village at Liberty Station. The event includes entertainment, dancing, casino, auctions and exotic cuisine and takes place at High Tech High, 2855 Farragut Road. Tickets are \$75 in advance or \$85 at the door. For tickets or more information, visit

http://parentpage.org/catwalk08.

Saturday, May 31, Makua, a Point Loma-based women's organization, hosts "Wild, Wild West" dinnerdance fundraiser to benefit foster children in San Diego. The event takes place at the NTC Promenade in Point Loma. For more information or to donate, call (619) 222-2075.

Sunday, June 8, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Celebrate Cancer Survivorship: San Diego! hosts free 11th annual celebration of life, offering information on cancer treatment, prevention and support. The event includes a health fair, educational presentations, cancer screenings, survivors' stories and family activities. For more information, visit www.cancersurvivorshipsd.com.

HEALTH

Tuesday, April 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sharp Cabrillo Senior Resource Center hosts "Meet the Pharmacist Day," an opportunity to have medications reviewed by a pharmacist. The free event takes place at the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church, 2128 Chatsworth Blvd. Reservation required for free lunch. For more information, call (877) 926-

SCHOOLS

Dana Elementary

- Today, April 10, bake sale.
- Today, April 10, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Parent/Child Book Club meeting in library.
- Friday, April 11, Dana Pride Day. • Monday, April 14, Mathematics Benchmark Test.
- Tuesday, April 15, Language Benchmark Test.
 - Wednesday, April 16, 4 to 5:30

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p.m., School Site Council meeting.Thursday, April 17, bake sale.

Loma Portal

- Friday, April 11, 9:15 to 10 a.m., parent coffee with the principal in library
- April 14-18, book fair in the auditorium during school hours.
- Thursday, April 17, 6 to 7 p.m., Spring Open House.
- Through April, preparation of pledges for annual school jog-a-thon on April 24; dolphin sweat wristbands sold every Thursday during the bake sale for \$1. For more information, e-mail todagym@cox.net.

Ocean Beach Elementary

- Today, April 10, Bank Day, Sing 'N' Speak Spanish; 12:30 p.m., Family Science Night.
- Tuesday, April 15, Kinder Theater Residency; 2nd-graders to Balboa Park; 4th-grade bake sale; 2:30 p.m., SSC/SGT meeting.
- Wednesday, April 16, kindergarten tours; 2nd-grade theater.
- Thursday, April 17, Bank Day, Sing 'N' Speak Spanish; 12:30 p.m., Family Science Night.

Sacred Heart Academy

- Today, April 10, 2nd-graders to Carlsbad Flower Fields and the Museum of Making Music.
- Thursday, April 17, 8th-graders serve dinner at StandUp for Kids Center.
- Tuesday, April 22, 1st-graders to Reuben H. Fleet Museum; progress reports for grades 4 through 8 online.
- Thursday, April 24, 8 a.m., All-School Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

• Friday, April 25, no school.

Silver Gate Elementary

- Friday, April 11, Student Council Family Movie Night; canned food drive kickoff.
- Tuesday, April 15, kindergarten Family Science Night in auditorium.
- Friday, April 25, 8 a.m., principal's chat with parents of kindergartners and 1st-graders; 6 p.m., silent auction in Bay View Room.

Word-Wide ESL Institute

- Tuesday, April 22, 6 to 8 p.m., beginner plus Spanish class begins each Tuesday;
- Tuesday, April 22, 4 to 6 p.m., 8-week Spanish sponge intensive beginner plus class begins; Saturdays 9 to 11 a.m.:
- Tuesday, April 22, 9 to 11 a.m., French beginner plus dive team restarts; Tuesdays;
- Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m., advanced Spanish;
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For more information, call (619) 222-6411, or e-mail rose@word-wide.us.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Through May 25, Visions Art Quilt Gallery presents upcoming exhibition "Transformations 07: Reverberations," a traveling exhibit featuring 24 nationally known quilt artists. The event is sponsored by the Studio Art Quilt Associates, Storrs, Conn., whose mission is to promote the contemporary quilt as an art form. The gallery is located at 2825 Dewey Road at the NTC Promenade in Point Loma. For more information, call (619) 546-4872, or visit www.quiltvisions.org.

April 4 through April 25, San Diego Watercolor Society hosts

"Sprint Ahead" exhibition, juried by Julian resident and award-winning painter Stan Goudy. Roughly 100 paintings created by SDWS members on display and for sale. The gallery, located at 2825 Dewey Road, No. 105, is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit is free. A reception is scheduled for April 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (619) 876-4550, or visit www.sdws.org.

April 11-13, the Red Brick Players, a ministry at Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church, perform "Godspell," a presentation in music and drama about the parables of Jesus as found in the gospel of Matthew. Performance dates: Friday, April 11, 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 12, 7 p.m.; Sunday April 13, 2 and 7 p.m. The performance takes place at the church, 2128 Chatsworth Blvd. A free-will donation is requested. For tickets, call (619) 223-1633. For information, visit www.pointlomachurch.org.

April 15 through 20, Saloman Theatre of Point Loma Nazarene University presents "Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming," a musical written by Connie Ray, conceived by Alan Bailey with musical arrangements by Mike Craver. The sequel to "Smoke on the Mountain" explores the tradition of the Saturday Night Hymn Sin in the first half of the 1900s. Times of the performances are April 15, 16, 17 and 19 at 7 p.m.; April 18 at 8:30 p.m.; matinees at 3 p.m. on April 19 and 20. General admission is \$10 for the Tuesday through Thursday performances and \$12 for Friday and weekend performances. Tickets available at the Cabrillo building, office 206; by calling (619) 849-2605; or through the Saloman Theatre box office, (619) 849-2433.









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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EDMUND F. SANOCKI, CASE NUMBER: 37-2008-00151116-PR-LA-CTL

1. To all heir's, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or

both, of (specify all names by which the decedent was known):
EDMUND F. SANOCKI,
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by:

DOROTHY A. SANOCKI in the Superior Court of California, County of : SAN DIEGO 3. The Petition for Probate requests that : DOROTHY A. SANOCKI

be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. The petition requests the decedent's will be decident to the decedent to

and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate.

The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estate Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approvl. Before taking certain very important actions, the personal representativewill be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

court as follows:
a. Date: APR 15, 2008 Time:9:00

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7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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hearing date noticed above.

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10. Attorney for petitioner: LAUREN J. KEEN, ESQ. GEIGER, COON & KEEN, LLP. 311 E. MAIN ST. SUITE 400 STOCKTON, CA. 95202

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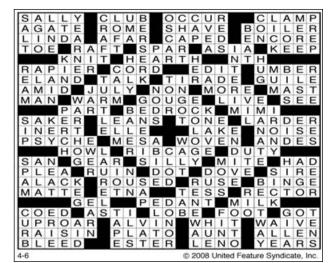
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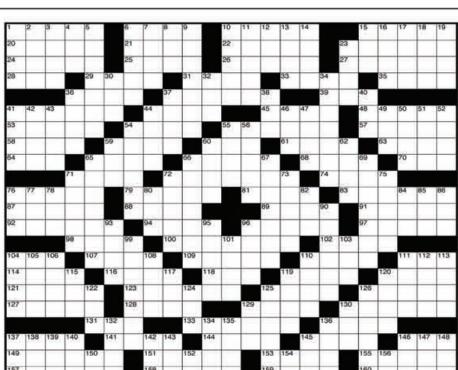
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We are proud to present the first Peninsula Beacon Readers Choice Awards. Our categories cover the sunniest corner for your morning coffee to smoothest spot for a soothing nightcap and everything in between.

These awards recognize the people and places that make the Point Loma and Ocean Beach areas truly extraordinary. From Euro chic to American casual, you can find it all in these dynamic beach communities.

Ballots were printed in the Peninsula Beacon for six weeks — Dec. 13, 2007 through Jan. 17. Many ballots were dropped off at the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association office, at several local businesses, some were mailed and other readers chose to vote online. The votes have since been tabulated and the results presented inside this special supplement.

Some of the winners may surprise you; others have enjoyed sterling reputations for years and even decades. We hope these awards will delight those who aspire to excellence every day and inspire new businesses to reach new heights. Although we all are sometimes crushed by the daily grind, it's gratifying to know that kindness, care and a bright smile do not go unnoticed.

The Peninsula Beacon would like to thank all the readers who took the time to single out the businesses and merchants who make Ocean Beach and Point Loma such rich and unique communities.

Congratulations!

Kevin McKay, Editor, The Peninsula Beacon



The 2007 Readers' Choice Award winners were selected by The Peninsula Beacon readers!



Readers Choice

AWARD WINNERS 2007

Congratulations to the following businesses who were chosen by the readers of the Peninsula Beacon.

The business categories were published in ballot form over a period of 6 weeks. Readers were asked to cast ballots for their favorite choices. This was no simple task! With more than 75 categories, our readers came through with overwhelming response.

We wish to thank all the readers who took the time to recognize these businesses which do so much to make Ocean Beach and Point Loma such wonderful communities.

Dining

First Place Category 1. Restaurant The Venetian

Nick's At The Pier 2. Late Night Dining Shades Oceanfront Bistro 3. Patio Dining 4. Breakfast Shades Oceanfront Bistro

Con Pane 5. Lunch 6. Dinner Thee Bungalow 7. Take Out TIE: Poma's Italian Deli/ Nicos

Humphrey's By The Bay 8. Sunday Brunch 9. Family Restaurant Shades Oceanfront Bistro 10. Wine Selection 3rd Corner 11. Happy Hour The Brigantine 12. Burrito Nico's

13. Best Value TIE: Nico's/South Beach Bar & Grill

14. Place For A Birthday Party Chuck E. Cheese 15. Most Romantic Thee Bungalow Nick's At The Pier 16. Best Ocean View 17. Appetizer South Beach Grill 18. Burger Hodad's 19. Desserts European Cake Gallery

20. Margarita Miguel's Cocina The Venetian 21. Pizza 22. Hawaiian Bali Hai

23. Sandwich Poma's Italian Deli

24. Steak **Black Angus** 25. Sushi Umi Sushi Pt. Loma Seafood 26. Seafood 27. American Hodad's 28. Chinese Little Chef 29. Thai Antique Thai 30. French Thee Bungalow

31. Italian The Venetian TIE: Fairouz/3rd Corner 32. Mediterranean

Miguel's Cocina 33. Mexican 34. Bakery Con Pane

35. Bar South Beach Bar&Grill 36. Coffee Shop Newbreak Coffee&Cafe 37. Deli Poma's Italian Deli

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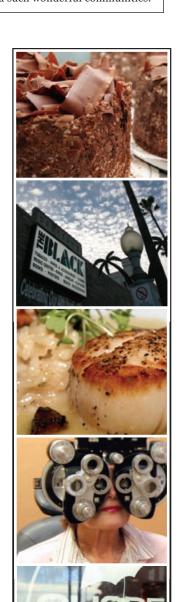
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The Venetian 3663 Voltaire St., Point Loma (619) 223-8197 www.venetian1965.com (see photo page 3)

Late-Night Dining

Nick's at the Pier

Take Nick's at the Beach (arguably the archetypal Pacific Beach eatery) and drop it in Ocean Beach; oddly enough, Nick's at the Pier materializes, with the same vibe and commitment to quality you'll find at the P.B. staple. The fried Calamari, the Papas Quesadilla, the Crab Cakes and Steamed Mussels - they're all here, along with a killer wine list, a serious banquet menu and a stratospheric 23 bigscreen TVs. For a place that first opened its doors only last year, Nick's at the Pier has thought of just about everything. There's a reason it all looks familiar - but don't worry.



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Nick's at the Pier 5083 Santa Monica Ave. (619) 222-7437 www.nicksatthepier.com

Patio Dining

Shades **Oceanfront Bistro**

This Ocean Beach venue has an odd habit of opening at 6:30 a.m. In and of itself, that's maybe not so unusual until you add in the rockin' happy hour and the 9 p.m. close (10 during the summer). That's a long day, to be sure, but we have every faith you can handle it. The big hit at breakfast involves

something called Salmon Scrambles, which should tide you over until lunch and that Veggie Sandwich with goat cheese and sprouts you've had your eye on. The excellent food, unique cocktails and quality service mark the evening as well, and the ocean view never stops.

Shades Oceanfront Bistro 5083 Santa Monica Ave., Ocean Beach (619) 222-0501 www.shadesob.com (see photo page 10)

Breakfast

Shades

(see entry under Patio Dining)

Red Sails Inn Restaurant

The Red Sails wine list includes three Merlots, which tells you something about the place right there. Merlot is an extremely versatile beverage, so much so that it probably doesn't even belong on anybody's list of reds, including Red Sails'. But just as Merlot is the wine for any occasion, so too is the eatery's talent for pleasing all the people all the time. While mom and dad are chowing down on steak and lobster, the little ones have a menu of their own, which includes the universal favorite peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Red Sails is

in its 51st year now, which means it's had time to get it all right and it certainly has.

Red Sails Inn Restaurant 2614 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma (619) 223-3030 www.theredsails.com

Lunch

Con Pane

You guys probably didn't know that the Italian "con pane" is the root phrase for the word "companion." You guys also probably didn't know that "con pane" is literally translated as "with bread." Now that you do,

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Thee Bungalow 4996 W. Point Loma Blvd. (619) 224-2884 www.theebungalow.com

Wine Selection

3rd Corner

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3rd Corner 2265 Bacon St., Ocean Beach (619) 223-2700 www.the3rdcorner.com

you guys have probably figured out that this Point Loma eatery touts its many types of bread as heavily as what it puts between the slices. That Turkey Cobb Sandwich with avocado couldn't taste better between slices of the house's finest garlic entry. Or how about a Raisin and Hazelnut Batard wrapped around your choice of sugar-coated delicacy? There's even a three-bread platter that comes with olive oil and goat cheese to help you decide on your fare. Good bread indeed makes the best of companions. Here, you'll find both.

Con Pane 1110 Rosecrans St., Point Loma (619) 224-4344 (see photo page 9)

Hodad's (see entry under Burger)

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Take-Out

Poma's Italian Deli

The folks at Poma's like to call their eatery the home of the roast beef sandwich - but you'll talk about this place's pizza before anything. Or more specifically, the choice of toppings. Remember, Poma's is a deli, and delis are touted first for their sandwiches. Not only does this place serve up 14- and 16-inch pies; the pizzas come with your choice of 11 condiments, from ham to pineapple. Add that to the wide selection of sandwiches, and Poma's becomes a deli and pizzeria in one. And don't think the staff stumbled on the fare selection anytime in the recent past - this family-run business has been in Ocean Beach since 1965.

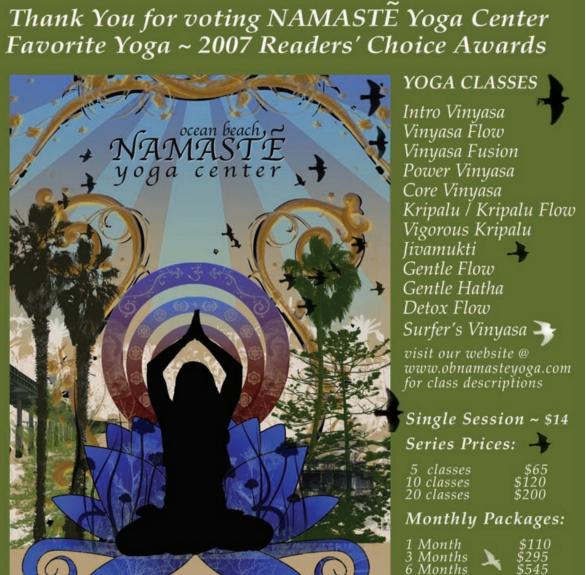
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Nico's Mexican Food

"I've never loved anything in this crazy world," one partisan says, "as much as I love a Nico's bean 'n' cheese burrito." "Anything"? That's quite an endorsement, especially when you consider that this crazy world has lots of cool stuff in it - like this eatery's legendary hot sauce and the way it piles on the beans. The chicken taquitos rate high as well, as does the veggie burrito and the refried fare. In a city that touts close to 5 million Mexican restaurants, Nico's must indeed be unique in this crazy world — or in crazy OB at the very least.

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The Brigantine 2725 Shelter Drive, Point Loma (619) 224-2871 www.brigantine.com (see photo page 5)

Burrito

Nico's Mexican Food (see entry under Take-Out)

Value

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PHOTO BY Casey Dean / The Peninsula Beacon Jeremy Harvey hands off a few brews at the Brigantine.

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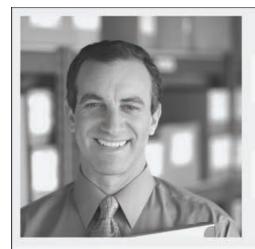
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Burger

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Value

South Beach Bar & Grille

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(see photo page 6) Place for a

Birthday Party

Chuck E. Cheese's

With all that hype about its traditionally great rides, prizes and birthday fare for the kids, it's easy to forget that Chuck E. Cheese's also serves up great food and entertainment for the whole family, like pizzas and salads and soups. The place, of course, is best known for its ageappropriate games, rides, prizes, food and entertainment that children of all ages from toddlers to big kids will love. It's been described as part arcade, part

playground and part children's theater - that's three ways to please the kids, and that oughta be plenty.

Chuck E. Cheese's 3146 Sports Arena Blvd., Point (619) 523-4385 www.chuckecheese.com

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Desserts

The European **Cake Gallery**

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The European Cake Gallery 3661 Voltaire St., Point Loma (619) 222-3377 www.europeancakegallery.com (see photo page 7)



PHOTO BY Casey Dean / The Peninsula Beacon Alex Moffat pours a award winning Margarita at Miguel's Cocina.

Margarita

Miguel's Cocina

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Pizza

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Hawaiian

Bali Hai Restaurant

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Bali Hai Restaurant 2230 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma (619) 222-1181 www.balihairestaurant.com (see photo page 7)

Sandwich

Poma's Italian Deli (see entry under Take-Out)

Steak

Black Angus Steakhouse

Oddly enough, Black Angus Steakhouse is best known for its meat dishes, something you'd hardly suspect amid the name. But if the idea has lulled you into complacency, consider that this eatery has some equally fetching nonmeat entries, such as three-cheese garlic bread, chicken tenders, crab cakes and potato skins. There's even wine and a Happy Hour to go along with everything. Black Angus may specialize in a certain fare, but its flair for stuff outside the box is decidedly worth a taste.

Black Angus Steakhouse 3340 Sports Arena Blvd., Point Loma (619) 223-5604 www.blackangus.com

Sushi

Umi Sushi

"Umi," see, is the Japanese word for ocean. It's also an utterly appropriate handle for this restaurant, since everything tastes pretty much like it was lifted from the Pacific. If you go, you can entertain yourself while you're



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Mr. Tiki at the Bali Hai.

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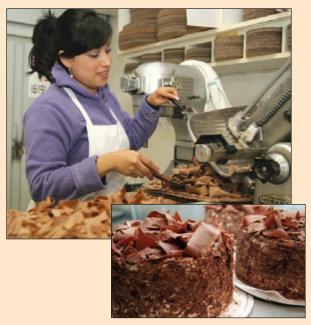


PHOTO BY Casey Dean / The Peninsula Beacon Linda Andrade shaves pieces of chocholate to be used as cake topping at The European Cake Gallery.

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PHOTOS BY Casey Dean / The Peninsula Beacon (Top) John Panaloza and son enjoy a sample of Bud's ice cream. (Below) Michelle serves customers, while owner Carol Ladiges looks on.

Ice Cream

Lighthouse Ice Cream & Yogurt

The Lighthouse serves up some of the best ice cream and yogurt in Ocean Beach - but if you already read the name of the venue, you got the idea. But the Lighthouse also has something that the other places don't - a hot waffle ice cream sandwich, which includes your favorite ice cream stuffed between two Belgian waffles and put in a special iron. Reportedly, the heat doesn't even melt the ice cream that means this place is worth a visit for the scientific phenomenon alone. The also feature Bud's World Famous Ice Cream of San Francisco. Even time magazine has dubbed Bud's one of the world's best ice creams. And what's good enough for Time oughta be good enough for you.

Lighthouse Ice Cream & Yogurt 5059 Newport Ave., Ste. 102, Ocean Beach (619) 222-8600 www.afcthailand.com



waiting for your order – get a load of the names of the rolls, like Crazy Boy, Vegas and Spider (the latter features mouth-watering softshell crab). Dumplings, mussels, sashimi and more make up the formidable list of appetizers, so come hungry.

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive, Point Loma (619) 226-1135 www.umisushisandiego.com

American

Hodad's (See entry under Burger)

Seafood

Point Loma Seafoods

Nothing like buying and selling local to increase your neighborhood's tax base. Local's also a pretty neat concept when you want to ensure the freshness of your product. Point Loma Seafoods offers a staggering 70 menu entries, and all of 'em reportedly taste like they were caught about 15 minutes ago (check out the chowders and the shrimp). There's even a sushi deli, unlike in 1963, when this firm opened its doors. That's 54 years' experience – experience for which the creatures of the deep are no match.

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Chinese

Little Chef

One local tells of an innocuous run-in with Little Chef that speaks volumes. Not only was the food delicious, it was still hot when her boyfriend brought it to her at work. Now, that's fresh—and the wontons and wrapped chicken

enliven every meal as excellent appetizers. Some 60 chicken, beef and shrimp dishes dot the menu, and Little Chef offers delivery to a limited area as well. Add the daily specials, and there's not a lot Little Chef is missing as a restaurant or a community service.

Little Chef 4910 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach (619) 222-6627

Thai

Antique Thai Cuisine

If décor were food, Antique Thai Cuisine wouldn't be standing. The lush, quiet surroundings and lighting are absolutely some of the most beautiful you'll find anywhere, let alone in a high-class restaurant. The entrees, such as ginger and kapraow, are as tasty as the walls amid their unique aromas and rich components. This an outstanding eatery, one that will appeal to the art lover in you as well.

Antique Thai Cuisine 3373 Rosecrans St., Point Loma (619) 222-0689 www.antiquethaicuisine.com

French

Thee Bungalow (see entry under Most Romantic)

Italian

The Venetian (see entry under Restaurant)

Mediterranean

Fairouz Restaurant & Gallery

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It's a quality Middle Eastern restaurant known for its very good entrée prices - and its lamb, chicken and beef dishes would whet the most sophisticated appetites at twice the cost. But the dining experience also begins and ends with what's on the walls, namely the paintings of Ibrahim Al Nashashibi. The themes of his work speak to the passions of life, relationships between man and woman and the depictions of life in Jerusalem, portrayed as the city

Fairouz Restaurant & Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Point Loma (619) 225-0308

3rd Corner (see entry under Wine Selection)

Mexican

Miguel's (See entry under Margarita)

Bakery

Con Pane (see entry under Lunch)

Bar

South Beach Bar & Grill (see entry under Best Value)

Coffee Shop

Newbreak Coffee & Café

Ocean Beach routinely capitalizes on its rep for the laid-back lifestyle, and that's why the Newbreak Café is in exactly the right place. The place caters to a number of pursuits - there's free wireless for the studious types, an outdoor patio for people-watching and lots of comfortable chairs and big tables for hanging out with friends. All that people-watching is bound to make you hungry, which is where the excellent omelet bar comes in. Sandwiches, burritos and pastries are available, and you can wash 'em down with a large latte for only \$2.75. Newbreak's in the right area of town, all right; it's as Ocean Beach as well - Ocean Beach.

Newbreak Coffee & Café 1830-D Sunset Cliffs Blvd., Ocean Beach (619) 226-4471 and Newbreak at the Beach 1959 Abbott St., Ocean Beach (619) 224-6666

Deli

Poma's (see entry under Sandwich)

Ice Cream

Lighthouse Ice Cream & Yogurt

The Lighthouse serves up some of the best ice cream and vogurt in Ocean Beach - but if you already read the name of the venue, you got the idea. But the Lighthouse also has something that the other places don't -ahot waffle ice cream sandwich, which includes your favorite ice cream stuffed between two Belgian waffles and put in a special iron. Reportedly, the heat doesn't even melt the ice cream – that means this place is worth a visit for the scientific phenomenon alone. They also feature Bud's World Famous Ice Cream of San Francisco. Even time magazine



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Lunch

Con Pane

You guys probably didn't know that the Italian "con pane" is the root phrase for the word "companion." You guys also probably didn't know that "con pane" is literally translated as "with bread." Now that you do, you guys have probably figured out that this Point Loma eatery touts its many types of bread as heavily as what it puts between the slices. That Turkey Cobb Sandwich with avocado couldn't taste better between slices of the house's finest garlic entry. Or how about a Raisin and Hazelnut Batard wrapped around your choice of sugar-coated delicacy? There's even a three-bread platter that comes with olive oil and goat cheese to help you decide on your fare. Good bread indeed makes the best of companions. Here, you'll find both.

Con Pane 1110 Rosecrans St., Point Loma (619) 224-4344

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Lighthouse Ice Cream & Yogurt 5059 Newport Ave., Ste. 102, Ocean Beach (619) 222-8600 www.afcthailand.com (see photo page 8)

Vegetarian

Ocean Beach People's Organic Food Co-op

This cooperative was born as a small neighborhood buying club in 1971. The people who nurtured its growth were activists seeking to create alter-

natives to established institutions, including grocery stores. Their dream was a facility that provided healthful, nonpolluting foods at a fair price, a store that belongs to the community it serves. The idea has stuck – this employee-owned business is nearly 40 years old now, and it's still buying and selling with the same healthful options in mind, options that never seem to go out of style with its 8,000 members. There's acoustic music on Friday nights, too.

Ocean Beach People's Organic Food Co-op 4765 Voltaire St., Ocean Beach (619) 224-1387 www.obpeoplesfood.coop

Live Music Venue

Winston's

You already know that Winston's is the most popular live music venue in Ocean beach - it's been that way for almost all of its 22 years, and things aren't expected to change in the foreseeable future. What you may not have known is that Winston's also hosts many special shows, such as its own film festival and an array of bus trips, and works to support local causes and charities on behalf of community members who've suffered injury, affliction or loss. Winston's is proud of its work with the ocean beach MainStreet Association and







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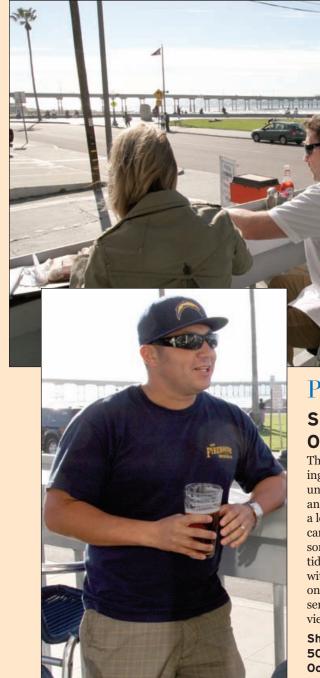


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Patio Dining

Shades Oceanfront Bistro

This Ocean Beach venue has an odd habit of opening at 6:30 a.m. In and of itself, that's maybe not so unusual – until you add in the rockin' happy hour and the 9 p.m. close (10 during the summer). That's a long day, to be sure, but we have every faith you can handle it. The big hit at breakfast involves something called Salmon Scrambles, which should tide you over until lunch and that Veggie Sandwich with goat cheese and sprouts you've had your eye on. The excellent food, unique cocktails and quality service mark the evening as well, and the ocean view never stops.

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Winston's 1921 Bacon St., Ocean Beach (619) 222-6822 www.winstonsob.com

Barbecue

Bar-B-Que House

Barbecue is one of those things you eat only with friends or family. The best barbecue, after all, can be pretty messy, so you need to know your fellow diners really well to save - uh face. On the other hand, the stuff at this eatery is so good you may just lose any sense of decorum. The locals especially recommend the house sloppy Joe, and the pork sandwich is reportedly the best anywhere. Come hungry - but be prepared to ask for a ream of extra napkins.

Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach (619) 222-4311

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Newport Avenue Antiques 4836 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach (619) 224-1994 (see photo page 14)

Bookstore

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The building that houses this Point Loma venue is no stranger to visual media, like books. It used to be a theater - which also means it's huge inside. That translates into lots and lots and lots of product, the kind of volume and prices you'd find at the chains. It's also just as accessible as the bigger stores, on Rosecrans Place just shy of Lytton Avenue near the I-5. Bookstar probably has what you're looking for, and it's only a hop and a skip away to boot.

Bookstar 3150 Rosecrans Place, Point Loma (619) 225-0465

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Chiropractor

Dr. Sean Silva

Chiropractors like to say that their skill gets at the source of a medical problem rather than just the symptom(s). They may well be on to something, as the mainstream medical community (once a bastion of hostility toward chiropractic) is beginning to warm to the idea as alternative therapies gain in popularity. Sean Silva is a leading proponent of this modality and to boot, you've said he's a darn good chiropractor, even for infants.

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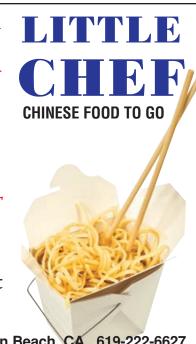




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Mallory's New Furniture 4905 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach (619) 226-0236

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Rock Paper Scissors + International Galleria

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Rock Paper Scissors + International Galleria 4976 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach (619) 222-7625 www.rockpaperscissorsob.com

Auto Repair

(see photo page 11)

Rich's Automotive Service

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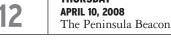
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South Coast Surf Shop 5023 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach (619) 223-7017 www.southcoast.com

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Women's Apparel

Closet

Locate this retailer anywhere else, and it'd still be great - but its Newport Avenue digs assure that more of you will stop in, maybe with a purchase in mind. This store is great if you have the items that you want to purchase already in mind. Going through all the apparel can be overwhelming — you can begin to forget what you think is fashionable and what is not. Don't worry, though. The friendly staff is there to remind you.

4949 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach (619) 222-0379 (see photo page 12)

Eyewear

Newport Avenue Optometry

No wonder one local thinks this is the best place in town for all things ocular – not long ago, he'd had a metal fragment removed from his eye here. Everything's fine now, and the guy's probably a customer for life. That means he gets to choose from scores of lenses and frames, furnished by as courteous and friendly a staff as they come, emergency or not.

Newport Avenue Optometry 4822 Newport Ave., Ocean Beach (619) 222-0559 (see photo page 13)



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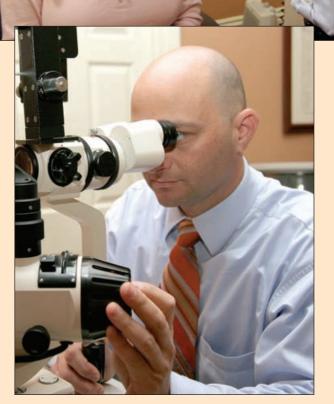


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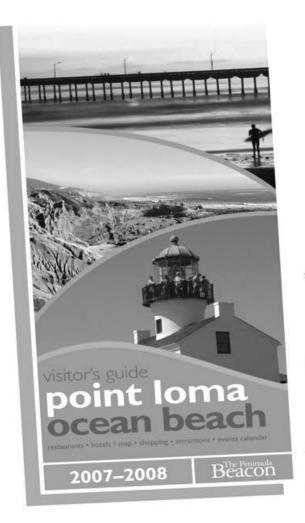
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(Left) Jay and Coco bring their people, Karis Stenback and Brad Irving, along to check out what's new at Bone Appetit. (Right) Bone Appetit owner Kelly Patri taking a break with her dog.

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Hair Salon

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When's the last time you've been to a hair salon that sells beer and wine – not to take out but to drink while the color takes hold? Here, you can get that soothing slug of alcohol as you sit among the best

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Nail Salon

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Details Salon Spa (See entry under Hair Salon)

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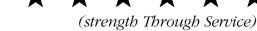
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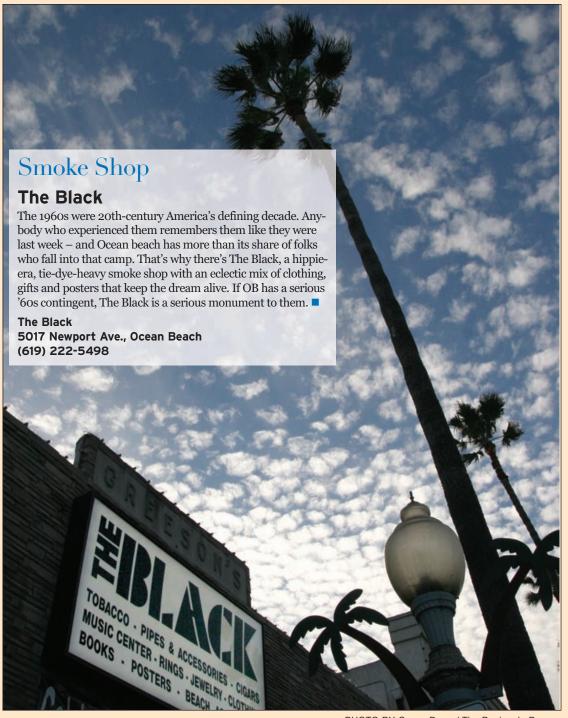


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Music Trader may register as the more popular name, but shoppers say Cow Records sells cheaper CDs and deals with a larger assortment. And to boot, you know you're in a beach-town record shop when the

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remembers them like they were last week - and Ocean beach has more than its share of folks who fall into that camp. That's why there's The Black, a hippie-era, tiedye-heavy smoke shop with an eclectic mix of clothing, gifts and posters that keep the dream alive. If OB has a serious '60s contingent, The Black is a serious monument to them.

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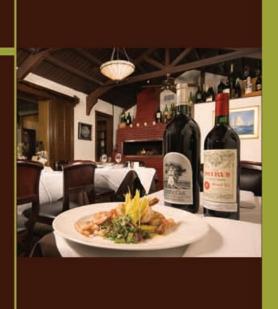
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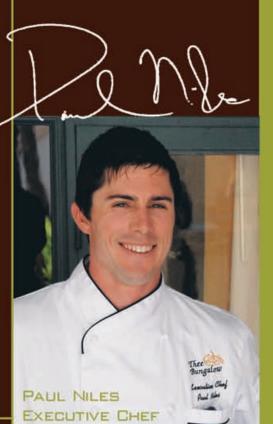






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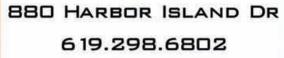


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