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OB Street Fair, Chili Cook-Off simmering



PAUL HANSEN | THE BEACON

Newport Avenue will come alive on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the annual Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off.

Summer ritual again to draw tens of thousands

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

It's time to fire up the crockpots and get out those cool chili scoopers. The Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off returns to Newport Avenue for its 29th year of chili rivalry, artisan booths and live music that attracts tens of thousands of people every year from around the city and the world.

The summertime tradition gets under way Saturday, June 28 from 10 a.m. to 8

p.m.

Last year's event drew an estimated 70,000 people who strolled down Newport Avenue in an entire day of fun and fanfare, giving local residents and businesses a chance to showcase the community's unique arts and business culture that is Ocean Beach, said Denny Knox, Ocean Beach MainStreet Association's executive director.

With its seaside lure, the free community event has

grown into a much-anticipated and bustling iconic mainstay from its humble beginnings as a barbecue, a few tables and a couple of bands nearly 30 years ago, Knox said.

"All the hotels fill up with people anxious to come to the event six months in advance," she said. "A lot of people who used to live in Ocean Beach come back."

Year after year people

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Funds for NTC Park pool may flow yet

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

The city appears ready to dip into redevelopment funds so Point Loma families can take a dip of their own — this time into a long-awaited public pool at the NTC Park at Liberty Station.

But community members aren't out of the water just yet.

City Council is expected to vote whether to set up a capital improvements fund to start the planning phase on Tuesday, July 8, according to District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer.

The action would move \$466,726 from the redevelopment agency into a fund that would be applied toward design of the aquatic center. Combined with a potential donation of between \$5 million and \$6 million from the San Diego Foundation's Hervey Family Fund, the funds would make a

good start toward making the center a reality.

"I've been working with the community and the city and looking forward to [July 8]. It was important to me to cut through the red tape. I'm looking forward to it, looking forward to the process and the community outreach," Faulconer said.

Julie Cramer, the community coordinator for Families for a Point Loma Swimming Pool, has spent most of this decade wading through city's red tape trying to get a 50-meter swimming pool and community aquatic center that includes two smaller pools and associated facilities at NTC Park.

Eight years, a city financial crisis, departmental reorganization and three District 2 City Council representatives later, it seems the city

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RONAN GRAY | THE BEACON

The Bomani Drum and Dance Ensemble performs outside the New Americans Museum at the NTC Promenade in Liberty Station on June 20. The museum opened last weekend and will feature exhibits, lectures and conferences related to immigration issues.

New Americans Museum touts richness of immigrant diversity

By RONAN GRAY | THE BEACON

A tiny museum with weighty offerings opened its doors to the public in Point Loma on Saturday. Seven years after Deborah Szekely founded the New Americans Museum, it finally has a place to call home at the NTC Promenade at Liberty Station.

Intended to be a center to celebrate the contribution that immigrants — that is, new Americans — bring to the United States, the 4,000-square-foot

museum will include a gallery, a learning center and a story booth where visitors can record their own family's immigrant history.

"Our mission is to be a catalyst to celebrate America," said Szekely. "We aim to foster public awareness of the values and strengths that immigration brings to our commonwealth — their new energy, their values, their hard work."

While relatively small com-

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Surf Report

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12:15 p.m.
Size: 3-4 ft.
Wind: 7-9 mph

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Police officials say they will step up enforcement this Fourth of July weekend, including keeping a close watch on scofflaws ignoring the beach alcohol ban.

July 4 weekend will bring beefed-up police presence

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

The beach provides a perfect setting to celebrate Independence Day while enjoying the fireworks.

With more than 700,000 people expected to flock to Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach and Mission Beach as well as La Jolla Shores this Fourth of July weekend, law enforcement and environmental groups prepare for the influx of people by educating visitors about beach rules, laws and common courtesies.

San Diego Police Department Northern Division Capt. Shelly Zimmerman said an increase in police staffing starts Thursday, July 3 in anticipation of the crowds expected

to descend upon beach communities.

With the no-alcohol and no-smoking beach laws in effect, Zimmerman said she expects a lot less alcohol-related incidents but that staffing will increase nonetheless.

"We want people to enjoy themselves," she said. "And we ask the public to educate themselves on the law."

Police staffing increases include six beach divisions with uniformed officers on foot, motorcycles, bicycles, cars, in the air and on the water, she said.

Along with visible uniformed officer presence, undercover officers

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High Tech High in the spotlight



PHOTOS BY PAUL HANSEN | THE BEACON
Seniors from the High Tech High (HTH) village of schools enjoyed their moment in the sun during commencement ceremonies Saturday at Liberty Station. Center, HTH Media Arts student Michelle Igartua, center, makes a quick cap adjustment.



HTH Media Arts graduate Christian Villanueva gets some well-deserved congratulations from his fellow graduates.



A jubilant Suade Johnson, left, shows his enthusiasm during Saturday's commencement. The daylong graduations included HTH Media Arts, High Tech High and High Tech High International.



HTH Media Arts graduates Julie Fritz, left, and Lindsey Fudge show their support for other members of the 2008 graduating class.

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MUSEUM

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pared to larger museums in Balboa Park, the location of the New Americans Museum in the blossoming arts and culture district of Liberty Station will allow it to host large groups, exhibitions, conferences and lectures.

"We are lucky to have found a

home at the NTC Promenade," said the museum's executive director, Gayle Hom, a third generation Chinese-American and daughter of former San Diego councilmember and state Assemblyman Tom Hom.

"In addition to our administrative offices, exhibition gallery, community meeting/educational multipurpose room and intern/volunteer center, we also

have access to a state-of -the-art conference center, event center and a beautiful outdoor venue."

The outdoor space behind the museum is a patchwork of pathways, grass lawns and a large pond surrounded by palm trees.

More than 600 guests, musicians and dancers found plenty of room to mingle there under a beautiful San Diego sunset during a special VIP preview on Friday,

June 20.

In its seven-year history, the organization has already hosted two seminars and one conference with over 500 attendees at other locations in San Diego.

The New Americans Museum Gallery will feature immigrant related art.

The opening exhibition includes a Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition, titled "Becoming American: Teenagers & Immigration," that features the work of photographer Barbara Bernie.

Bernie's black-and-white photos of teenage immigrants to the United States include short captions with commentary near each subject.

Also currently on exhibit is "A Contemporary Story: Perspectives by Immigrant and Refugee Artists," a product of the work of a San Diego based non-profit called the Aja Project that runs an after-school program for local refugee youth. This exhibit features artwork and photography by San Diego's immigrant and refugee children.

The San Diego City Commission for Arts and Culture and the San Diego County Board of Supervisors both provided funding for the current exhibitions.

The gallery, which is open between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesdays to Sundays, does not charge admission.

Hom said that the museum does have some funding at the moment and plans to reach out to local community groups that share their mission to help bring other exhibitions and events to the museum.

Additional shows planned for the rest of 2008 include: "The Alvarado Project: Through My Father's Eyes," a photographic exhibit by Filipino-American Ricardo O. Alvarado; and "Between Cultures: Children of Immigrants in America," another Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition.

Although none of the dates is finalized, Hom expects that the two displays will make their respective debuts before the end of the year.

San Diego community interest also includes a possible collaboration with the Ethnic Studies Department at the University of San Diego.

A proposal to use the museum's recording studio to document the experience of some of San Diego's Somali refugees may come to

fruition when the studio is ready later this year.

The facility is located within a soundproof vault used by military personnel when the building was part of the NTC Command Center. The soundproof feature may prove valuable during recordings as aircraft leaving Lindbergh Field roar overhead.

Museum officials said there are many reasons why San Diego seems like a fitting location for the New Americans Museum. There are similarly themed museums planned around the world, and one already exists in New York at Ellis Island.

However, there are few other places in the world where so many immigration issues co-exist in one place.

A mere 20 miles south of the door of the New Americans Museum, located at 2825 Dewey Road, is the San Ysidro border crossing — the busiest international crossover spot in the world.

Just to the west of the crossing, in Border Field State Park, a series of stark metal girders rises out of surf and across the beach. It is the start of the controversial border fence that stretches eastward from the Pacific Ocean for miles across San Diego's South County.

At about the same distance from the museum to the east, the casino trade has transformed the look and feel the area's Native American communities.

Standing at the door of the museum, looking across San Diego Bay, one's imagination can conjure up visions of a waterway once overflowing with the great tuna fishing fleets of Portuguese and Italian immigrants.

In more recent years, refugees fleeing from poverty, economics and violence from places that include Somalia, Sudan, Colombia, Southeast Asia, Afghanistan and Iraq have made a fresh start here and now call San Diego home.

While the new facility celebrates the richness and diversity of new Americans, the word "immigration" has become so synonymous with "illegal immigration" that the board of directors voted to leave it out of the museum's name, even though it is part of the associated New Americans Immigration Museum and Learning Center, Inc.

For more information about the museum, call (619) 255 8908, or visit www.newamericansmuseum.org.



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RONAN GRAY | THE BEACON

A visitor views the photographic exhibition in The New Americans Museum at the NTC Promenade in Liberty Station on Friday, June 20. The museum will feature exhibits, lectures and conferences related to immigration issues. It will also house a recording studio where families can document their own immigrant history. The museum formally opened to the public Saturday and does not charge admission.



PHOTOS COURTESY 19 ENTERTAINMENT | THE BEACON

The top 10 contestants from “American Idol: Season 7,” currently on tour, are Brooke White, San Diego resident Carly Smithson, Chikezie Eze, David Archuleta, David Cook (winner), Jason Castro, Kristy Lee Cook, Michael Johns, Ramiele Malubay and Syesha Mercado. Their next stop will be the San Diego Sports Arena on July 2.

‘Idols’ will find worship at Sports Arena

By LAURIE SMITH | THE BEACON

According to many television critics and diehard fans of the show, “American Idol” season seven boasted the best talent that the incredibly popular competition has seen – so far. The “American Idols Live! Tour 2008” offers fans the chance to find out for themselves, as the second stop on the tour is at the San Diego Sports Arena on Wednesday, July 2.

Simon Fuller, creator and executive producer of “American Idol,” stated, “One of the key factors in the success story of ‘American Idol’ is the unique experience of seeing today’s best undiscovered talent perform live on stage each and every week. We are truly excited that the American Idols Live! Tour will once again give fans the chance to see the TV show come to life in their hometown.”

And speaking of hometown, Carly Smithson, who calls San Diego home, is one of the show’s top 10 finalists and will be performing on this year’s tour that also features show winner David Cook, Brooke White, Chikezie Eze, David Archuleta, Jason Castro, Kristy Lee Cook, Michael Johns, Ramiele Malubay and Syesha Mercado.

Smithson, who has spent very little time at home since the TV show began, said that the tour schedule of more than 50 cities in not many more days also leaves little time.

“I don’t know if I’ll get to hang out at all when I’m home. We leave Glendale, Arizona right after the show the night before, and the following day we perform in San Diego, then back on the bus to L.A.,” Smithson shared.

“I’ll hopefully have time to

check in at the house and make sure everything’s in order, see my dogs, and pick up all the things I forgot — like my guitar,” she laughed.

She has only been home three or four nonconsecutive days since the show ended but recently returned to have dinner with her husband Todd at The Field in the Gaslamp Quarter. Prior to her newfound celebrity, Smithson worked as a bartender at the Irish pub and restaurant.

“It was a completely different experience,” she said, still in awe of her sudden fame. “I couldn’t get out. It was very strange to have all these people know who you are and want to talk to you. But it was so nice to see all my friends.”

Smithson said that her most “normal” experience during her visit was hanging out at her husband’s tattoo shop, Nothing Sacred, at 4th and Market streets. She also credited her husband for fully supporting her during “American Idol.”

“The shop is Todd’s dream – it’s his shop. I helped him get it open, decorated it and supported him, and now he supports me, totally,” Smithson beamed. “He’s a great husband.”

During the show, family and friends are not allowed in the apartments provided by the show, and it was difficult for the Smithsons to be separated from one another.

“It was traumatic because we’re joined at the hip,” she said.

Once in the finals, life for the contestants literally changed overnight – even when it came to everyday things such as doing laundry.

“The first thing David Cook

“I’ll hopefully have time to check in at the house and make sure everything’s in order ...”

CARLY SMITHSON
AMERICAN IDOL TOP 10, SAN DIEGO

asked when they told us to put all our laundry in a bag was, ‘Is there any way we can bring our own laundry to a Laundromat?’” Smithson recalled, laughing.

Cook was politely informed that he wasn’t going to have any time to do his own laundry.

“It was very strange for all of us, I think. We never had other people doing our laundry. We all had very normal lives and then we jumped into the ‘Idol bubble’ and everything changes.”

Smithson reported that while they were competing against each other, all the contestants remain friendly.

“We’ve all become very, very good friends,” she said.

What’s next, after the tour? Smithson said that she and her husband are presently looking at houses in Ocean Beach.

“OB is definitely somewhere I would love to settle, maybe more up on the hill. That view up there is ridiculous. It’s such a cool place; laidback and chill.”

For more information about the “American Idols Live! Tour 2008” at the San Diego Sports Arena, or to buy tickets, visit americanidol.com or sandiegoarena.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PCPB chair says letter writer seems ill-informed

I read with interest the wild claims and accusations of Mr. Richard Agee ("Objects to leadership changes for PCPB panel," June 12 Beacon, page 6). I have not had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Agee. Moreover, I am unaware of his having attended any meetings of the Airport Authority Subcommittee in the 60 days that I have been on the board [Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB)].

Be that as it may, he certainly seems to know all about my actions and has a rather one-sided opinion thereof and on how it has impacted (former PCPB Airport Authority Subcommittee chair Lance Murphy).

The first thing that sprung to my mind after reading his letter was that old quote, "He doth protest too much."

So I set about trying to figure out who Richard Agee is. Google turned up some interesting information. His name most frequently crops up with something called the San Diego Coastal Alliance. Never heard of them. Yet, after perusing several of the writings, I learned that Richard Agee claims to be a co-founder SANNoise.org. There's an organization I have heard of.

This is the group, led by the other co-founder Lance Murphy, that is trying to raise money from Peninsula residents to file a lawsuit against the airport. This would be the same Lance Murphy that recently failed in his attempt to be elected to the PCPB.

Clearly, Mr. Agee is upset with the recent failings of his friend at the ballot box. It is also clear that any success by the current PCPB and the airport subcommittee would be contrary to Mr. Agee's efforts. Thus, with these facts, his comments come in to focus and can be taken in the appropriate context. I will leave that to the readers of this newspaper.

I invite Mr. Agee to come to a meeting of the PCPB. If his time permits, he is also welcome at the next meeting of the Airport Authority Subcommittee. Both of these forums will continue to bring the facts forward on what is happening at our airport. There is no spin and we are not fundraising.

The goal of the current PCPB is to create a dialogue with the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA), wherein information impacting the Peninsula can be learned and brought to the community at large. This serves to create a scenario where the opinions of those on the Peninsula can be heard and valued.

Join us at our next meeting on Thursday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library. Be sure and check out the PCPB Web site at <http://pcpb.net/index.html>.

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Charles Mellor
Chairman, PCPB

NTC Park pool supporters back Faulconer's efforts

As a child growing up in East County, I enjoyed our trips to Gillespie Pool in El Cajon to escape the 100-plus-degree summertime heat. As a Point Loma resident, I cannot imagine a large community like ours not having a community pool where children can learn to swim and families can meet up with neighbors during the summer.

The dream of a community pool in Point Loma started in the 1960s when language was added to the Peninsula Community Plan to establish the goal to build a community pool in Point Loma. Several years ago, as plans were discussed by the local planning board as to the former Naval Training Center (NTC, now Liberty Station), the community pool goal was raised again. This time, it was through a request to set aside funding from the savings of a water feature that was being eliminated from the Liberty Station NTC Park plans. That cost savings was to be used for either the restoration of a current pool at NTC or the construction of a new pool.

I applaud District 2 Councilmember Kevin Faulconer for trying to keep the 45-year dream of a local community pool alive. I hope he will turn up the heat on decision makers to ensure that savings from the Liberty Station NTC Park plan, as well as donations by private citizens, will still be dedicated toward a future pool in our community to be built sooner than later!

Tracy Morgan Hollingworth
Point Loma

Says traffic-calming signage is appropriate

In response to the Letters to the Editor ("New signage on Del Mar impacting Peninsula" and "Signage shouldn't be final option on Del Mar Avenue," June 12 Beacon, page 6), complaining of the new restrictions on Del Mar Avenue, I'd like to clarify that Del Mar Avenue is not meant to be a thoroughfare. It is and always has been a residential street. It was not constructed to accommodate the large numbers of commuter traffic that its residents have experienced in the last few years.

It would be interesting to see how those who criticize would deal with that amount of traffic on their streets! The folks who came up with this new solution have certainly done their due diligence, and it is rather petty and selfish of others to complain of an extra 2-3 minutes out of their mornings or



afternoons in order to afford their neighbors a little peace of mind.

Sarah Hilton
Point Loma

Common courtesy gestures should be rewarded

I took particular interest in the letter from Christina Torkay concerning the lack of common courtesy in many of our young people today ("Whatever happened to common courtesy?", Beacon, June 5, page 6).

It seems that this gets worse with each new generation. However, I recently became aware of at least one school which is using an unusual, but effective, means of addressing the situation, even though it is not basically a school responsibility.

One of my grandchildren came home from school proudly displaying a pink slip of paper handed to him by a teacher, citing him for an act of courtesy he was observed to have performed in a hallway of his school. The teachers in this school (unfortunately in another city) carry preprinted slips listing common courtesies such as the use of "please," "thank you" or "excuse me," holding a door open for the person behind you, pushing a chair back when leaving the table, knocking on a closed door before entering, et cetera.

When a teacher in this school observes a child doing one of these things, she (or he) fills in the child's name, checks off the appropriate item on the list and hands the signed slip to the child. All this takes no more than seconds and the child is left with a feeling of recognition, plus a list of other courtesies that he or she has probably not been aware of.

This program costs nothing and it leaves a child with the feeling of having done a good thing and, hopefully, of doing more of the same. Maybe our own schools

could adopt a similar program.

Frank Taylor
Point Loma

Sunset Cliffs speeding offenders are locals

Having done my walking along Sunset Cliffs Boulevard for 35 years, I consider myself somewhat qualified to comment on the speeding problem. There are speed limit signs. Putting up more, alone, won't make any difference.

The speeding motorists are local residents. Every day I see the same vehicles flying along the road. The offenders are parents driving their children to school, local surfers, contractors, landscapers, trash trucks and, on occasion, school buses.

It is not the visitors. People don't like to get tickets and have their vacations spoiled. If one spots a vehicle with out-of-town-state plates speeding, it is likely a local as well; they just forget to register their vehicles here.

One thing would help if law enforcement would write tickets in the morning. That way, people would be late for wherever they are going as well as being out-of-pocket. Something to contemplate!

Speeding in a residential area in the United Kingdom could cost a motorist \$2,000 and a cyclist riding on the sidewalk a mere \$1,000. Wishful thinking.

Horst H. Bialas
Ocean Beach

Petitions may coax action on high gas prices

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On June 6, the first delivery of 350,000 was made and, as of noon June 12, over 300,000 more people had signed petitions. The petitions haven't gotten the attention of Senators McCain or Obama yet, but that will probably change when the count gets into the millions.

Margaret Solis
Point Loma

OTL, alcohol permit should be no surprise

It's easy to doze off during public meetings and miss something important. Apparently, a few people dozed off a lot during meetings regarding the beach alcohol issue. Whenever the alcohol-free beach idea was brought up, someone would ask, "What about Over the Line?" This question came up at town council meetings. It came up at Beach Alcohol Task Force meetings. It came up at San Diego City Council meetings. And the answer was always the same: Permits will be granted to groups willing to take responsibility for special events.

Planning a beach volleyball tournament? A wedding? A company picnic? Want to serve or sell alcohol? You'll need a permit. In fact, there was a permit process in place before the ban for large group events like OMBAC puts on and it was modified when the ban was enacted to encompass all events with alcohol. Any group that's willing to take responsibility for a special event can request a permit. Special event permits are not the problem.

The problem of out-of-control, unaccountable beach behavior has been solved. Now, the problem is a few people didn't pay attention at meetings and are making groundless complaints.

Bill Bradshaw
Mission Beach



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OBITUARY

Albert I. Decker, 83, longtime Point Loma

Albert (Bert) Ingersoll Decker, 83, passed away on May 28, 2008, after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March. He was a long-time resident of Point Loma.

Bert was born in San Diego on Aug. 17, 1924, to Benton Weaver and Edwina Naylor Decker. He attended schools in Annapolis and San Diego, including one year at Point Loma High School. After graduating from Annapolis High, Bert spent a year at Severn School to prepare for entrance into the U.S. Naval Academy. He earned a B.S. in engineering from the Navy in only three years, as his class of 1946 (18th Company) was graduated in 1945 so they could go to war.

From 1945 to 1958, Bert was on active duty with the U.S. Navy. He and his brother, Ben, were fifth-generation naval officers, continuing a family tradition that began when their great-great-grandfather, William Augustus Weaver, joined the new U.S. Navy in 1811.

Bert served on the USS Iowa, Astoria, Partridge, Purvis and Fessenden. He spent much of his duty in the South Pacific and North Atlantic. He also taught chemistry at the U.S. Naval Academy from 1950 to 1952. In the late 1950s, he coordinated public relations activities in San Diego for the Navy and was especially involved with the International House Association, which hosted foreign officer visitors.

In 1959, Bert began his second career as a math and science teacher. He earned his teaching credential and master's degree



Albert I. Decker

from San Diego State College and taught for 26 years in the San Diego City Schools. He taught at Dana, Roosevelt and Wilson junior high schools; at Hoover, San Diego, Kearny, Point Loma and Morse high schools; and Midway Adult School. He loved attending football games at Morse High.

1959 was a surreal, bittersweet year: he started his new career; his family moved to their Point Loma home; his second daughter, Jenny, was born; and his beloved brother, Ben, was killed when the Navy plane Ben was piloting crashed into the Inland Sea of Japan. Ben died on May 28, 1959, exactly 49 years to the day before Bert died.

Bert retired from the Navy Reserve as a commander in 1975 and from the San Diego City Schools in 1985. As a retiree, he became an ardent community activist.

He served on the Peninsula Community Planning Board, North Bay Redevelopment PAC and Save Our NTC board. He was involved with Friends of Famosa Slough, Save Dana (Jr. High), and San Diego Coastal Alliance; and he worked to prevent the installation of parking meters on Shelter Island.

He was program director for the Shelter Island Rotary, Presidio Optimist, and Point Loma Clipper Club. He was passionate about preserving San Diego's quality of life, history and military heritage. He opposed giving away public lands to private developers.

Bert's hobbies included international travel, discussing World War II, current politics and family camping.

He will be greatly missed by all of those whose lives were touched by his good-heartedness and helpful spirit.

Bert is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dona; five children: Jib Davidson, Mary Decker, Jennifer Decker Hiller, Ben Decker and Carol Decker Vallejo; and nine grandchildren. Interment will be June 27 at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

A memorial service will be held June 28, 2 p.m. at Point Loma Presbyterian Church, 2128 Chatsworth Blvd. A reception will follow. Donations to the American Cancer Society or Disabled American Veterans are welcome.

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Airport to host workshops over noise concerns

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority will host the first of three community workshops on a federal noise study — known as “Part 150” — on June 26. It will run from 5 to 7 p.m. at the San Diego International Airport Commuter Terminal in the 3rd floor board room, 3225 N. Harbor Drive. A brief presentation will be held at 5:30 p.m. and parking will be validated. The workshop will provide an update on the “noise exposure map,” otherwise known as a contour map, which is the federal and state guideline for incompatible land uses around an airport, according to Dan Frazee, director of airport noise mitigation for the Airport Authority. “The Airport Authority tries to do whatever is plausible and feasi-

ble to mitigate aircraft noise to the maximum extent possible,” said Frazee. “We are essentially looking for individual concerns and input and to understand more about what the process is we use here at the airport.” The Part 150 study is a 30-month process and will consider the current state in 2008 and the projected conditions for 2013. Supplementary workshops will be held in January and May 2009. For more information, call (888) 488-7885, or visit http://www.san.org/airport_authority/environmental_affairs/airport_noise/part150.asp. **PCPB taking applications for open board seat** The Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) is now accepting applications for a board vacancy that occurred April 17 with the resignation of board member Kathryn Rhodes. The remainder of the term is one year.

After accepting Rhodes’ resignation April 17, the clock began ticking for the board to fill the vacancy within 120 days. PCPB officials anticipate filling the vacancy at the next regular meeting on Thursday, July 17. Potential candidates, one of whom will be elected by the board, must provide proof of eligibility and fill out an application and present it to the board secretary or to the chair. Applications are available by visiting www.pcpb.net or from PCPB Chair Charles Mellor by calling (619) 222-2240. Applications will be accepted until noon on July 17. To be eligible, potential candidates must be at least 18 years of age and a Peninsula property owner or Peninsula community resident or a local business person with a business address in the Peninsula community at which employees or operators of the business are located. Potential applicants must also have attended one meeting of the PCPB.

Hands-free phone law takes hold July 1

The state’s new “hand’s-free” cell phone laws will take effect Monday, July 1, which will prohibit all drivers from using a handheld wireless phone while operating a motor vehicle. However, drivers 18 and older can use hands-free device. It will be illegal for all drivers 16 and 17 years old from using either a cell phone or hands-free device while behind the wheel. The San Diego Police Department is allowing a 30-day grace period and will begin issuing citations on violations beginning Aug. 1, but other law enforcement agencies, such as the California Highway Patrol or sheriffs could possibly issue tickets for drivers using cell phones. The penalty will be \$97 for the first offense and \$211 for the second.

Local Navy scientists earn prestigious awards

Six scientists from the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center San Diego (SSC San Diego) in Point Loma were recently chosen to receive the 2007 Department of the Navy’s Top Scientist and Engineer of the Year awards among a field of 46 colleagues recognized nationwide. The local honorees are featured in a display at the Point Loma Library, 2130 Poinsettia Ave., through Aug. 31. The honorees are: • James Finneran, hearing evaluation in marine mammals; • Dr. John Meloling, high-frequency antenna technology; • Paul Alan Miller, advanced unmanned underwater vehicle control software; • Hoa Nguyen, explosive ordnance disposal robots; • Dr. J. Scott Rodgers, photonic processor;

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may be on the verge of forking over the money. Over the last few weeks, Cramer had raised a wave of concern about when that money would be made available to move the project forward. Cramer approached the Peninsula Community Planning Board on June 19 to ask for its support before the project goes before the city. “[The City Council knows] that Point Loma High school, the college, the master swimmers, the

children, the families here want a public swimming pool that they can enjoy,” Cramer said at the meeting. The planning board voted unanimously to send a letter of support to the City Council to build the center. Cramer also thanked the Hervey family for the potential contribution of \$5 million to \$6 million — a hope that has kept the project afloat through the years, she said. She also thanked District 2 council staff for their work and Faulconer’s leadership role. Though Cramer and others in the community worked for years to get a community pool, the city

has had a hard time getting it going. In 2003, a City Council vote scratched plans for a pond and requested that city staff and the Corky McMillin Cos., the lead contractor for NTC Park, come to an agreement on how much money to set aside for the design of the aquatic center. Many residents in the community didn’t want the pond feature for many reasons, including safety concerns, Cramer said. McMillin officials were never obligated to help fund an aquatic center at NTC Park because the money for the center was never earmarked in the original budget-

ing, which was about \$250,000 per acre set back in 1998, said Kimberly Elliot, senior vice president for McMillin. A unanimous City Council vote in May shifted \$466,726 in redevelopment agency funds to pay for the planning and design of the aquatic center. Now, officials need to set up the funding mechanism to actually start it. Phase II of NTC Park’s construction would complete the remainder of the park and is made up of 28 acres of landscape, two large picnic tables, two restrooms, a playground for toddlers and the restoration of historic artillery guns. If pool advocates get their way, the plans will also include a Point Loma Community Aquatic Center. The total cost of the park has gone up from about \$15 million to just under \$17 million because of rising construction costs, according to city officials. McMillin pays for the construction of the park up front and the city reimburses the company from taxes levied on local residents and businesses, said Elliott. Now that it seems all the city’s ducks are aligning in a row over the pool, only a “no” vote from the City Council would stop this part of the project. NTC Park project manager Libby Day said the redevelopment agency is ready to pour money from the redevelopment agency into a capital improvements fund. “We just want to give them the money so they can get started,” she said. In other PCPB news:

• Airport Authority representative Ted Anasis reported to the board on the San Diego International Airport Master Plan Report on Mitigation Procedures concerning the ultimate buildout of Lindbergh Field. According to the report, effects on the environment, traffic, air quality, human health risks from gases, historic and cultural resources associated with airport land use and impacts on endangered and threatened species all remain significant even after mitigation. • An Airport Authority meeting over noise underneath flight paths, called the Part 150 study on airport noise compatibility, is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. on the third floor of the SDCIA Commuter Terminal. • A PCPB community outreach meeting about airport issues is scheduled for Sept. 25 at Point Loma Nazarene University. • The PCPB is currently accepting applications for a board vacancy. The vacancy should be filled by the July 17, meeting. Applications will be accepted until noon on July 17, according to a PCPB announcement. The PCPB addresses Peninsula community planning and land-use issues and projects and plays an advisory role to the city of San Diego. For more information on the Peninsula Community Planning Board meeting dates and times, board member application and additional information, visit www.pcpb.net.

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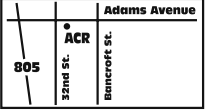
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• Mihajlo Tomic, non-acoustic autonomous surveillance systems. The awards were presented personally by John Thackrah, assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition.

Navy slates Fourth of July Freedom Festival

Navy officials will blast off this year's Fourth of July Freedom Festival with a cannon salute from the decks of the Californian, one of a trio of historic sailing ships from the San Diego Maritime Museum. Beginning at 3:30 p.m. on July 4, the Californian will sail by the shore of Naval Mine and Anti-Sub-

marine Warfare Command (NMAWC) in Point Loma and begin the day's festivities by firing blanks from its four cannon. In July 2003, the Californian was designated the Official Tall Ship of the state of California, the only ship to carry this prestigious title. She received this designation when she was launched with great fanfare for the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles. The festival is hosted by the Navy's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department (MWR) and the Fourth of July party on the shores of Point Loma is open to all MWR patrons, families and escorted guests. It is not open to the general public. Highlights of this year's event include live entertainment, "Fun Zone" inflatables, full-size Ferris wheel, carnival games, stilt walk-

ers, balloon and caricature artists, the second annual All-American Classic Car Show, vendor fair and arts and crafts for the kids. A fireworks show begins at 9 p.m. For more information, call (619) 524-0961 or (619) 553-9138.

Point Loma ARTS founder featured in new book

Matt D'Arrigo, founder of Point Loma-based A Reason To Survive, or ARTS, is featured in the new book "Being the Difference: True Stories of Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things to Change the World." D'Arrigo is featured as he dealt with his grief when his mother and sister were diagnosed with cancer in the same year. Ultimately, the love of music and painting helped D'Arrigo heal after his mother suc-

cumbed to the disease. He now runs the 7,000-square-foot Pat D'Arrigo ARTS Center, named in memory of his mother, where more than 150 children a week go to express themselves and learn in a safe and nurturing environment. For more information, visit www.areasonetosurvive.org.

HTH teacher wins top honor in biotech education

Jay Vavra, a teacher at High Tech High School in Point Loma, has won the 2008 Genzyme-Invitrogen Biotech Education Award, according to officials with the Biotechnology Institute. Vavra was selected from a field of 10 finalists identified from a nationwide applicant pool — a short list narrowed down from the original 1,000 or so nominees in

the Biotechnology Institute's National Teacher-Leader Program. The award was established by the Biotechnology Institute to recognize leading high school educators who are bringing biotechnology to their classrooms and encouraging fellow science teachers to do the same. Sponsored by Genzyme Corporation and The Invitrogen Foundation, the award was presented June 16 during the Biotechnology Education Banquet at the Biotechnology Institute's Conference on Biotechnology Education in San Diego. The finalists were given an opportunity to meet keynote speaker Margaret Spellings, U.S. Secretary of Education. As a result of his first-place honor, Vavra will receive \$10,000.

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will be watching for illegal activity, Zimmeran. The gang suppression team will also be patrolling the areas. Additional officers along with SDPD traffic division will also be monitoring beach-area clubs and bars throughout the weekend and monitoring parking lots. The police department also works with lifeguards to monitor beach safety. In addition to ramped-up police department staffing, other community members will be working to remind visitors to keep the beach clean.

Danielle Miller, spokeswoman for San Diego Coastkeeper, said the organization will be posting signs and posters in local hotels, along the beaches and near shores reminding people to pick up after themselves. San Diego Coastkeeper will also place an extra 150 trash and recycling receptacles along the city's beaches and bays.

"We want to make it as easy as possible [because] the last thing people think about is where to throw away their trash," Miller said. San Diego Coastkeeper also works with employees and volunteers of I Love a Clean San Diego, Freepb.org, and the San Diego Chapter of Surfrider Foundation for beach clean-ups. The event is dubbed the "Morning After Mess." Volunteers will be hitting the sands from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 5, Miller said. The group is also promoting a clean-up Monday July 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at Belmont Park in Mission Beach. Volunteers will be provided with clean-up supplies, according to the group's website. For more information visit www.cleanbeachcoalition.org. This is the first year various non-profit groups have come together under the name San Diego Clean Beach Coalition and have teamed up to increase awareness about beach pollution and prevention. According to a statement from San Diego Coastkeeper, the following is not allowed on the beaches and bays this year:

- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in beach and park areas.
- Glass bottles and glass containers are not allowed at any time in the beach and park area.
- Smoking is prohibited in all beach and park areas within the City of San Diego.
- Fiesta Island, Dog Beach and Dusty Rhodes Park are designated dog areas that are leash-free.
- Dogs are not permitted within Mission Bay Park and the beach areas April 1 to Oct. 31 from 9 a.m.

- to 6 p.m. Dogs must be leashed at all times.
- Fires are permitted in city-designated fire rings between 5 a.m. to midnight only.
- Fires cannot exceed 12 inches above the fire ring.
- Clean dry wood or charcoal only. No pallets, painted wood, greenery, nails or furniture are allowed in the fire rings.
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Peninsula Beacon

Craves Cafe serves elaborate menu

by Mark and Alex Chrisman

"We're striving to be healthful" says Dave Martin, owner of **Craves Café** located at 4953 Newport Avenue in Ocean Beach. Martin's restaurant serves an elaborate menu of healthy salads, sandwiches, paninis, and lavashes. As well as delicious, healthy food, Craves has a new line of retail items with either a local, organic, or heartfelt cause at its core.

Martin has been in the restaurant business for 30 years but with Craves he decided to start his menu from scratch. He got "sick and tired of fast food" so he uses whole grains, fresh vegetables, and olive oil to create what he calls "the most emotional menu in Ocean Beach". When you order the "Joy" salad and the "Courage" sandwich, you understand the theme. The bread, cookies, and sangria are all homemade and all of the food is packaged in paper, both washable for reuse and "blue bin friendly".

Craves also has a small retail line that includes organic mints and candies, locally made Jackie's Jams, and hand packaged items from the Women's Bean Project. The Women's Bean Project is a socially conscious organization that strives to break the cycle of chronic unemployment and poverty by offering job readiness training and developing employment skills for women who need training to enter the traditional work force. These women are learning the basic skills needed to support themselves and their families. Women's Bean Project items include soup, cornbread and dip mixes, spice rubs, and teas. Each item has a tag signed by the woman who packaged it.

Not only does Craves support the environment and local manufacturers, the restaurant also supports local events such as Newport Nights. Their featured artist is San Diego resident Patrick Kennedy, the self-proclaimed "neo constructivist", whose work is currently displayed on the east and west walls of the dining room.

Although the menu certainly has that healthy, hippy, OB feel, the portions at Craves are surprisingly large and filling. Even if you're the type that craves a greasy burger on occasion, you won't feel like you are skimping to be healthy at Craves. "If you want to get fat and get a coronary, then go to Shades", says Dave Martin. (Martin also owns Shades Oceanfront Bistro located on Santa Monica Ave.)

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PHOTOS BY KIRBY YAU | THE BEACON

Professional wakeboarder Daniel Doud of Morro Bay, above, wakeboards in the parking lot of Seaforth Boat Rental's grand reopening celebration in Misson Bay. Seaforth will be introducing wakeboarding lessons and rentals, along with all the services that they have offered for the last 30 years.

The tank for the wakeboarding was made from plastic and haybales and was filled with salt water. A winch pulled riders through the course. At right, a professional Hyperlite wakeboarder gets major some major air.



PLNU announces multiple coaching changes

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | THE BEACON

Art Wilmore has stepped down as the Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) men's head basketball coach after six seasons (2002-08) to become the university's assistant athletic director of public relations and the associate head coach for the men's and women's

tennis programs.

"I felt it was a good time to step down," Wilmore said. "There was no need to stay a year longer.

Wilmore posted a winning record with the PLNU basketball program (105-89), and led the Sea Lions to the conference tournament each of those seasons, qualifying twice for the National Asso-

ciation of Intercollegiate Athletics tournaments in 2003 and 2008.

Wilmore's former assistant, Ethan Hamilton, replaces him as men's head basketball coach after spending the past three years (2005-08) as associate men's basketball coach.

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return for the Artist's Alley, Wonderland and children's area, vendor booths and five stages of live music including the 92107 stage featuring local musicians from Ocean Beach.

The chili cook-off event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Knox encourages fun-seekers to come early because the chili tends to go fast.

After enjoying plenty of chili samples, participants can sit back and enjoy the street fair, music and two beer gardens. The chili may go quickly, but those who miss out will

have several food booths lined up the block from which to choose.

Part of this year's Ocean Beach Street Fair will celebrate the life of a longtime Ocean Beach community activist, Rich James, who passed away earlier this year.

James founded the fair's community-painted mural. The yearly painting became an integral part of the event, bringing community members together to paint the murals that have adorned various storefronts and walls

of businesses like Rock Paper Scissors, 4976 Newport Ave.; OB Suds Car Wash, 5002 Voltaire

The money raised from the Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off pays for the Fourth of July fireworks to take place off the Ocean Beach Pier. The fireworks begin on July 4 at 9 p.m.

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MARIA EPSTEN | THE BEACON
A belly dancer entertains the crowd during a past Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off. In addition to the traditional chili rivalry, there will be five stages with daylong entertainment, two beer gardens, an Artist's Alley and, for children, a Wonderland and children's area.



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St.; and the Surf 'n' Sea Custom Wetsuits, 1874 Bacon St., in previous years.

Local muralist Janis Ambrosiani helped James organize the event over the past seven years and said this year's mural is dedicated to James' memory.

"I want this [year's mural] to say something to the community about Rich, how Ocean Beach wouldn't be the community it is if he wasn't born," Ambrosiani said.

Ambrosiani is designing the mural, which will be painted by people from the community. Anyone can purchase a section of the mural to paint for \$5.

James was a driving force in the community and helped found other Ocean Beach traditions such as the yearly Christmas Tree Festival and Parade, among other activities, Ambrosiani said.

The money raised from the

Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off pays for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display off Ocean Beach Pier. The 25-minute fireworks show starts Friday, July 4, at 9 p.m.

As for the street fair, three shuttles will be running all day to bus visitors in and out of the events to make parking easier and to ease traffic congestion.

The Ocean Beach shuttle is scheduled to bus people from the corner of Bacon Street and West Point Loma Boulevard at Robb Field.

Two other shuttles will run constantly and are scheduled to shuttle people from Sea World Drive at the Pacific Highway parking lot.

The shuttles will run every half hour and every hour, respectively. The free shuttles begin around 9:30 a.m. and will run until about 9 p.m.

For more information on the Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off, including show times, directions and maps, visit www.obstreetfair.com.



Chili cook-off participants prepare ingredients to serve up to street fair near Newport Avenue.

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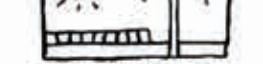
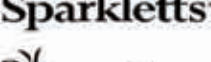
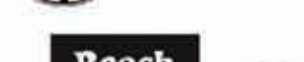
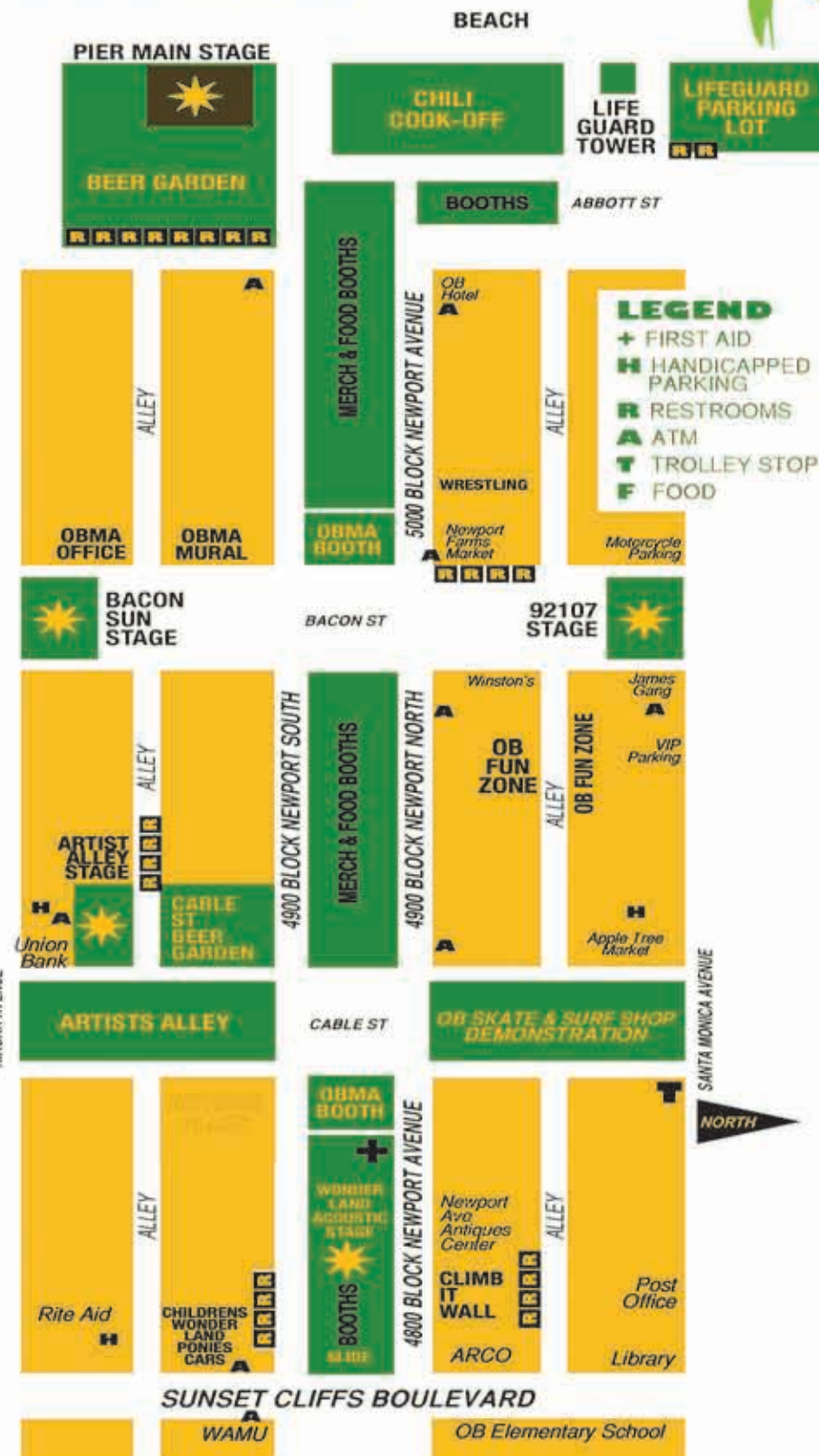
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Rich James started the Community Mural project that has not only become an Ocean Beach Street Fair Tradition, but has proved to be emblematic of our community spirit & enthusiasm, as well. Explore the neighborhood to find the entire collection.

Goodbye to a Good Friend

Richard Donald James, 61, of Ocean Beach, passed away Sunday night, April 27, 2008. He was an artist, businessman, community activist, world-traveler and irreplaceable friend to many.



Rich was the smiling guy in the "Dolphinmobile," his 1965 Chevy convertible featuring hand-painted dolphins. Locals might remember seeing him transporting his

beloved dog Buddy, and Buddy's doggy friends for their daily workout at Dog Beach.

Rich served in the U.S. Navy along with his brother, Ron, and his dad during the Vietnam War. After an honorable discharge, he enrolled in Chico State University where he earned a degree in graphic design.

In the early 1970s, Rich and his brothers settled into Ocean Beach. In 1980, they started the James Gang, a T-shirt screen-printing company that grew rapidly and soon expanded into a small chain of beach-apparel retail stores around San Diego and in Redding.

The James Gang became active in the OB community, where Rich and his brothers played significant roles in launching the annual Fourth of July Festival and the Ocean Beach Christmas Tree Festival and Parade.

In addition to his many contributions to his beloved community, Rich created and designed the ocean-themed community murals seen around town. The first mural went up in 1999 as a result of Rich's vision to beautify Ocean Beach and instill a sense of community pride through his art.

A true community effort, artists of all types gather to paint the individual mosaic-type squares that Rich designed. After each street fair, Rich and his friends would install the mural for all to enjoy. The mural gets hung on the wall of a locally owned business eager to display their community pride.

Although Rich worked meticulously on his mural designs, he delighted in the fact that anyone and everyone would recreate his work. "Young kids, moms, dads, old and young, they all come out to paint," said Rich. "It's really a lot of fun."

This year, since his sad passing, some of Rich's closest friends volunteered to carry on his mural legacy. Help us pay tribute to this incredible member of our community by taking part in the Rich James Memorial mural of 2008.



Please also visit www.richjames.org for more information about Rich and his art.



COURTESY PHOTO JOE EWING | THE BEACON

This year's community mural will be in tribute to Ocean Beach icon Rich James, who passed away earlier this year. James, who is credited with founding the community mural in conjunction with the OB Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off, also helped found the annual Christmas Tree Festival and Parade. In tribute to James, local muralist Janis Ambrosiani is designing this year's mural. She said anyone can purchase a section of the mural to paint for \$5.



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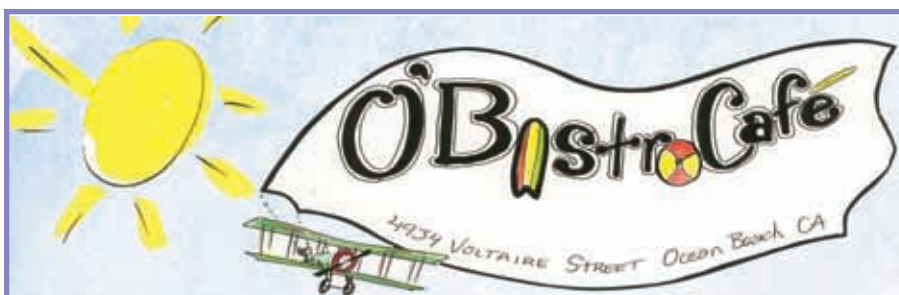
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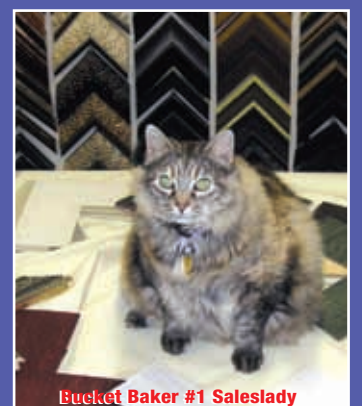
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Sean Lund, left, and Andy Martin, right, were honored with the Coach Mike Delgado Award at the recent Point Loma High School baseball banquet. The award is named for Delgado, center, a Pointer assistant coach, and recognizes players who demonstrate leadership by example, display outstanding attitude and show a continuing effort to improve their play.

Lund, Martin capture top 2008 PLHS baseball honors

By SCOTT HOPKINS |
SPECIAL TO THE BEACON

Nearly 60 young men and their families recently celebrated the just-concluded and successful season of Point Loma High School (PLHS) baseball during an annual team banquet.

Awards were made to several players from all three teams: varsity, junior varsity and freshman AAU teams.

The evening's biggest playing awards went to center fielder Matt Arlington, a 6-foot, 205-pound junior who led the team in virtually all offensive categories and was named to the All-Western League first team. Arlington returned from a serious knee injury suffered in a football mishap during early drills last summer.

The Coach Delgado Award, now in its second year, was shared by seniors Andy Martin, a catcher, and outfielder Sean Lund. The award, named for Pointer pitching coach Mike Delgado, is given to players who demonstrate outstanding attitude, effort and teamwork and who lead by example.

Delgado returns his coaching stipend annually and award winners determine how the funds will be spent to help next year's team.

Last year's winner, Scott Heylman, now the starting shortstop at UC Davis, chose to provide embroidered equipment bags for each player on the current varsity.

Martin and Lund excelled in the classroom, carrying GPAs of 4.07 and 4.67, respectively.

Pointer head coach Jon Posternack and Booster Club President Richard Vermazen hosted a Mexican dinner prepared by team parents.

Finishing with an overall record of 13-13, the Pointers were not awarded a CIF playoff slot. But the team defeated eventual CIF champions Cathedral Catholic (Div. III) and Coronado (Div. IV) and lost to Div. I finalist La Costa Canyon by only three runs (8-5), Posternack noted.

Posternack said the baseball future looks bright for the Pointers, with several sluggers and live arms coming up from a 13-10 junior varsity squad.

Playing in an AAU league, the Pointer freshman team advanced to the tournament quarterfinals.

Varsity awards included:

- Junior Garrett Bruhn, most improved player.
- Junior Coleman Cox, underclassman of the year.
- Andy Martin, senior of the year.
- Senior Thomas Dobbs and Martin, team captains.
- Senior Thor Johnson and Martin, Gold Glove awards.
- Lund, teammate of the year.

Martin will continue his playing career at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Lund and Dobbs will attend UC Berkeley and will room together this fall. Several other Pointer seniors are continuing their careers at local junior colleges, while some may attempt to earn a position as walk-ons at San Diego State University and other schools.

Summer baseball league has already begun for the Pointers. Home games, played at 4 p.m. on the Dana Middle School home field:

- Thursday, June 19 vs. Rancho Bernardo.
- Wednesday, June 25 vs. Santana.
- Monday, June 30 vs. Bonita Vista.

PLNU

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"Ethan was looking at other head coaching positions," said Wilmore. "I told him when I hired him that I wanted him involved with coaching decisions, recruiting and after three to five years we would talk about a coaching change," Wilmore said.

PLNU is 61-33 in the span of 2005-08.

Former assistant coach Jordan Courneya moves up to the assis-

tant men's basketball coaching position after three years with the team.

"Courneya has done a wonderful job with recruiting," Wilmore said. "Overall, it's a win-win situation for the program."

PLNU officials also noted other coaching changes:

- Joe Schaefer has been promoted to the position of head baseball coach for the university to replace Jack Northam.
- Tim Hall has been named coach for the men's and women's soccer programs.

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Community concert at historic North Chapel a sellout

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Members of the Peninsula Singers and the Sun Harbor Chorus perform May 30 at The North Chapel at Liberty Station Marketplace, The first concert held at the historic chapel since its renovation as a key facility of the former Naval Training Center, the event was a sellout, according to organizers. The concert attracted an estimated 300 audience members.

June/July A Look Ahead

POLITICAL

Thursday, July 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., meeting of the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) Project Review Committee at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. The agenda will be posted at the library and can be found online at www.pcpb.net. For more information, call (619) 223-1357 or e-mail shellykilbourn@cox.net.

COMMUNITY/CIVIC

Today, June 26, 6 p.m., second annual Matt Vasgersian Charity Texas Hold'em Tournament to benefit Tender Loving Canines assistance dogs program and Fallen Officers Fund. Vasgersian is the voice of the San Diego Padres on local telecasts. The event takes place at the McMillin Event Center at Liberty Station in Point Loma. The early entry fee through June 24 is \$200 per player with \$100 optional re-buy fee the day of the event. The walk-up fee is \$250; spectator fee is \$50 for non-card players. For more information, call (619) 266-5542, or visit

www.4SD.com.

Today, June 26, 10 to 10:45 a.m., Ocean Beach Branch Library hosts Archie Merwin sing-along for children of all ages. The library is located at 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

Friday, June 27, 5 to 10 p.m., 2008 History Makers Awards gala, which serves as the primary fundraiser for the San Diego Historical Society. Honorees are former Mayor Susan Golding; Jack Ensich, the last commander of the now-defunct Naval Training Center in Point Loma; Michael Steiner, former San Diego city architect; Wayne Rafflesberger, past president of the Point Loma Community Association; and Wayne Donaldson, preservation architect. The event takes place at the South Promenade of Liberty Station. Cost is \$250. For more information, call (619) 232-6203, or visit www.sandiegohistory.org/history-makers2008.html.

Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m. to

noon, Ocean Beach Branch Library hosts a vermicomposting workshop to teach how to compost with worms. The library is located at 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

Saturday, June 28, noon to 2 p.m., Ocean Beach Library presents old-style jazz with Zzmyzzy Quartet in the lawn area. The library is located at 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

Saturday, June 28, 29th annual Ocean Beach Amateur Chili Cook-off — a fundraising event for the Fourth of July fireworks display — sponsored by the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA). For more information, call (619) 224-4906, or visit www.oceanbeachsandiego.com or www.obstreetfair.com.

Tuesday, July 3, 10 to 11 a.m., Wild Wonders presents live animals from endangered environments at the Ocean Beach Library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

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CALENDAR

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Saturday, July 12, noon to 4 p.m., second annual Wright Family Community Picnic to benefit the Autism Tree Project Foundation. The event takes place at Westminster Park, 3598 Talbot St. There will be no charge for the food. For more information, call

(619) 405-0176, or visit www.autismtreeproject.org.

Tuesdays in July, 10 to 10:45 a.m., preschool storytime at the Ocean Beach Library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

RELIGION

Week of July 21 through July

25, Point Loma Community Presbyterian, also known as the Red Brick Church, hosts Vacation Bible School, helping re-create the Holy Land for youngsters ages 4 to 12. The cost of the event is \$40. For more information, call (619) 223-1633. For registration forms online, visit www.pointlomachurch.org.

SCHOOLS

Loma Portal Elementary

• Through June, registration forms available to register new kindergartners. For more information, call (619) 223-1683.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

June 30 through July 28, 10 a.m. to noon, Sarah Suhonen, director of the Peninsula Singers, hosts five-week class on songwriting and performing for teens. The event will focus on writing and performing original material. The cost of the event is \$249 at the A.R.T.S. facility, 2820 Roosevelt Road, Suite 106 in the NTC Promenade at Liberty Station. For more information, call (619) 804-6079.

July 2 through July 25, San Diego Watercolor Society presents an exhibition of original watercolor paintings entitled "Red, White & Blue," featuring about 100 paintings created by society members both for display and for sale. Gallery hours are Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. The gallery is located at 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 105. For more information, call (619) 876-4550, or visit www.sdws.org.

Friday, July 4, 9 p.m., 29th annual community fireworks display off the Ocean Beach Pier. There is no cost for the event. For more information, contact the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association at (619) 224-4906.

Friday, July 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Old Town San Diego State Historic Park hosts historic Fourth of July celebration in 1800s style with reenactments, sack races, pie-eating contest and more. For more information, call (619) 688-3308.

Friday, July 18, 6 to 8 p.m., the Point Loma Association hosts the first of five free events in the Point Loma Summer Concerts series featuring Porterhouse Bob and Down to the Bone. The concert takes place at Point Loma Park at 1049 Catalina Blvd. near the intersection with Varona Street. Box lunches are available for pre-order and range from \$8 to \$10. For more information, visit www.plconcerts.org or e-mail information@plconcerts.org.

July 21 through July 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Peninsula Singers hosts a musical theater summer workshop for students age 9 to 16, focusing on singing, acting and choreography, including group numbers and performing solos. The cost of the event is \$179. The event takes place at the A.R.T.S. facility, 2820 Roosevelt Road, Suite 106 in the NTC Promenade at Liberty Station. For more information, call (619) 804-6079, or e-mail sarahsuhonen@hotmail.com.

Friday, July 25, 6 to 8 p.m., the Point Loma Association hosts the second of five free events in the Point Loma Summer Concerts series featuring Big Rig Deluxe. The concert takes place at Point Loma Park at 1049 Catalina Blvd. near the intersection with Varona Street. Box lunches are available for pre-order and range from \$8 to \$10. For more information, visit www.plconcerts.org or e-mail information@plconcerts.org.

Saturday, July 26, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., San Diego Dance Theater presents summer workshop concert featuring new choreography and repertory from Jean Isaac's San Diego Dance Theater and Malashock Dance. General admission is \$12; admission for seniors and students is \$10. The location of the event is yet to be determined. For more information, call (619) 225-1803, or visit www.sandiegodancetheater.org.

Through July 27, the latest exhibit, "Material Guys," is on display at Visions Art Quilt Gallery. The exhibit will feature the quilt work of male artists. The gallery is located at 2825 Dewey Road in

the NTC Promenade of Liberty Station. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admission cost. For more information, call (619) 546-4872, or visit www.quiltvisions.org.

Friday, Aug. 1, 6 to 8 p.m., the Point Loma Association hosts the third of five free events in the Point Loma Summer Concerts series featuring Soul Persuaders. The concert takes place at Point Loma Park at 1049 Catalina Blvd. near the intersection with Varona Street. Box lunches are available for pre-order and range from \$8 to \$10. For more information, visit www.plconcerts.org or e-mail information@plconcerts.org.

Friday, Aug. 8, 6 to 8 p.m., the Point Loma Association hosts the fourth of five free events in the Point Loma Summer Concerts series featuring The Screamin' Primas. The concert takes place at Point Loma Park at 1049 Catalina Blvd. near the intersection with Varona Street. Box lunches are available for pre-order and range from \$8 to \$10. For more information, visit www.plconcerts.org or e-mail information@plconcerts.org.

Friday, Aug. 15, 6 to 8 p.m., the Point Loma Association hosts the last of five free events in the Point Loma Summer Concerts series featuring Rockola. The concert takes place at Point Loma Park at 1049 Catalina Blvd. near the intersection with Varona Street. Box lunches are available for pre-order and range from \$8 to \$10. For more information, visit www.plconcerts.org or e-mail information@plconcerts.org.

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By Jay North

Composting is the simple act of recycling and it's as easy to do as taking out the garbage! Not everyone wants to grow their own garden; not everyone CAN grow their own food. But everyone can seek out organically grown products at the grocer. Those of us who do garden, or farm, know the pure joy of growing one's own food and the pleasure of beautiful landscapes that we've created for ourselves, not to mention the exercise and extra vitamins we get from the sun. Composting is an important ingredient to a successful organic garden and is done by simply creating a box or a space for table scraps of vegetables and fruits and adding whatever you can find in the neighborhood to add nutrients. If you live near where livestock in raised, sold, bred or kept, ask the owner of the property if you can collect some of the manure. Cows, horses, chickens, pigeons, doves, rabbits, and pigs all create material tailor-made for your compost heap, even your morning coffee grounds are great material for your compost bin; as is your fall leaf droppings. Add all the organic matter you can to your compost bin.

Here are a few tips for composting:

- 1 Yes, it smells and attracts flies. By hanging a non-toxic pest strips nearby, you can reduce infestation of pest, and once compost breaks down, pests are no longer a major problem.
- 2 Be sure to place your compost bin as far away from the house as possible. Or if you live in an apartment and just want to start composting, do it under the kitchen sink. Latter us your composted materials for house plants--indoors
- 3 Turn the material in your compost bin to allow for air circulation and to heat what may be too low or too high in the bin to break down quickly.
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- 5 If you must, you can purchase ready-made organic compost such as Bumper Crop from your local garden shop. Whether you buy it or make it yourself, add compost to your garden area in spring and winter. Works very well to feed indoor plants to.
- 6 When you add the compost also consider adding decomposing pine needles, straw, wood chips, fish guts, fallen leaves, fireplace ashes and decomposed seaweed. Many of these contain essential minerals that actually create the flavor of the foods, or add color to the pretty things that we're growing.
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Jay North is a pioneer in the organic farming industry. He authored Getting Started In Organic Gardening for Fun And Profit, as a means of sharing his philosophy of renewal and self-sustained living. He is an internationally recognized authority in organic produce. Contact Jay at JayNorthIs1@gmail.com and his book is available on his website, www.GoingOrganic.com

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10am-1pm	3528 Bayside Walk Units 1-3	4BR/3BA	\$1,695,000-\$2,495,000
10am-1pm	2663 Ocean Front Walk Unit 2	4BR/3.5BA	\$2,995,000
1pm-4pm	3222 Caminito Eastbluff #50	2BR/2BA	\$540,000
12pm-3pm	714 San Gabriel Place	2BR/3BA	\$875,000
11am-3pm	6121 Avenida Chamnez	4BR/5BA	\$2,375,000
1pm-4pm	5706 Chelsea	3BR/2BA	\$1,395,000
1pm-4pm	945/947 Coast Blvd. S.	2BR & 3BR	\$2,900,000-\$3,900,000
SUNDAY JUNE 29			
12pm-3pm	3449 Macaulay St.		
1pm-4pm	478 Rosemont	3BR/2.5BA	\$1,300,000-\$1,500,000
1pm-4pm	7454 Hillside Dr.	4BR	\$3,845,000
1pm-4pm	7228 Rue Michael	4BR/4BA	\$1,745,000
1pm-4pm	380 Bonair St.	3BR/2.5BA	\$1,400,000-\$1,595,000
1pm-4pm	3134 Carleton St., Unit C	2BR/2.5BA	\$475,000-499,000
10am-1pm	2774 Bayside Walk	4BR/3.5BA	\$1,775,000-\$1,899,000
1pm-4pm	714 San Gabriel Place	2BR/3BA	\$875,000
1pm-3pm	988 Agate St.	3BR/2BA	\$725,000
1pm-4pm	4450 Point Loma Ave.	4BR/3BA	\$899,000
12pm-5pm	6627 Tyrian Street	3BR/2.5BA	\$1,700,000-\$1,850,000
1pm-4pm	7575 Eads Ave. #207	3BR/3BA	\$1,099,000-\$1,150,000
2pm-4pm	856 La Jolla Rancho Rd.	4BR/3BA	\$4,875,000
1pm-4pm	6517 Avenida Manana	4BR/2.5BA	\$1,675,000-\$1,875,000
1pm-4pm	5405 Soledad Rd.	3BR/3.5BA	\$2,695,000
1pm-4pm	3335 Whittier Street	3BR/2BA	\$1,029,000
2pm-4pm	7342 Eads Avenue	1BR/1BA	\$749,000
1pm-4pm	6451 La Jolla Scenic Drive South6BR/7BA		\$5,695,000
1pm-4pm	8273 Caminito La Cayo	4BR/2.5BA	\$1,699,000
1pm-4pm	5468 Pacifica Dr.	4BR/4BA	\$2,195,000-\$2,350,000
SATURDAY & SUNDAY			
12pm-6pm	809 Lamplight Drive	4BR/5BA	\$1,980,000
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