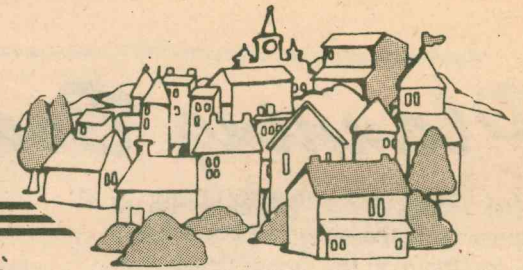


# COMMUNITY NEWS



## EMERGENCY FOOD BANK

### OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Four years ago, the Ocean Beach Emergency Food Bank (Loaves & Fishes) was started in our community to meet what many of us felt was an outstanding need.

Most churches in the Peninsula, through yearly pledges, are sponsoring this service with the invaluable support of many community organizations.

As the Emergency Food Bank has grown in clientele, so has the need for more volunteers and food. In the recent past, an increase of middle-class, out of work heads of family, retired and single parents have come to us for help. The Food Bank is purely an emergency service; we limit the times we can help a person so as to help a greater number.

In order for us to keep the doors open, we need your support; the time has come for more of us to help more of them, help themselves.

We need: Volunteer workers (3 hours a week to work at the Food Bank). Volunteers to pick-up donated food (1 hour to pick up food). Money donations (no amount is too small). Food donations, from your cupboard, garden or local grocer. Pass the word around to your neighbors and friends. **WE HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU.** Loaves and Fishes, Ocean Beach Emergency Food Bank, 2083 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., 222-0628.

### O.B. Child Development Center

by: Bobbi Baur

Sliding, swinging, running, reading, eating, playing, laughing, yelling, learning, climbing, hugging...come to the Ocean Beach Child Development Center's OPEN HOUSE! The Open House will be a unique opportunity for the OB community to interact with the younger OB crowd on their own turf.

The Ocean Beach Child Development Center (OBCDC), since its inception in 1976, has been working to meet the needs of OB parents. All of the 23 kids now involved with the Center are from single-parent families, and the majority are low income. The Center manages to run at a low cost, largely due to active parent participation and volunteer support.

The 5 staff at the Center create a warm, sensitive, non-competitive atmosphere; the kids know they're loved. Add nutritious, vegetarian snacks and lunches, and the result is happy, secure, growing kids.

The Center needs and wants your input and support, to enable it to remain the high-quality, community oriented, responsive place that we all want it to be. Come to the Open House on Wednesday, June 2 from 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m., and 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at 4741 Santa Monica, Room 19. We hope to see you there!

## AS WE WERE

OBCS...15 years ago  
by: Barbara Kassler

We invite you to briefly share with us a decade of landmarks which outline the development of Ocean Beach Community Services, and trace its roots back to what, on the surface, was a very different agency, The In-Between.

The In-Between had its beginning in 1966 when the Youth Committee of the Point Loma Methodist Church persuaded the adult leadership to start a coffee house where young people congregating in the beach area could meet with their friends, talk, play games, and listen to music. The youth group renovated and moved into a small, run-down restaurant at 5038 Newport Avenue. It was named The In-Between — in between the beach and the church. It later took on another connotation: in between the youth and the community, and the "in-between" period of adolescence.

At this time the counter-culture had had little impact on San Diego, but as time went on, hair became longer, dress became more bizarre, and marijuana made its appearance. While the official leadership confined activities to formal programs, the young people of The In-Between were attempting to deal with the problems of their peers.

Special problems for both the youth and the community developed as the adolescents of the 60's became the "counter", "drug", or "youth" culture. Heavy involvement with drugs and an extreme sense of alienation from traditional society presented health and social adjustment problems for these youth. Their distrust of, and rebelliousness toward traditional institutions presented problems to a larger society which it neither knew how to help nor control. Because of the youth involvement in The In-Between, the counter-culture youth trusted the agency and came to it with their problems.

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## VIETNAM VETS PROGRAM

The San Diego Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program (VVLP) is one of two programs which comprise the Southern California Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program. The initial funding for the local programs has been provided with ACTION grants to defray some salaries and start-up costs.

In addition to recruiting successful Vietnam veterans to help those who still have problems, the San Diego VVLP will seek to help 1) the several thousand Vietnam veterans in the San Diego area who are having difficulty finding satisfactory employment, 2) help these veterans make full use of existing community resources which are designed to support veterans, 3) change the unjust stereotype of the Vietnam veteran and restore the proper image of America's combat veteran.

For more information call 235-8857.

## COMMUNITY FORUM

Councilman Bill Cleator attended the Community Forum meeting last month. An invitation had been sent to both our city representative and Supervisor Hamilton who, unable to attend, sent his Administrative Assistant Greg Smith.

Items discussed were: The Woodland Appartment, Collier Park, Open Container Ban in Business District, Sunset Cliffs Project, Social Services, Recreation Operation and sundry other topics.

It was a rare treat to be able to ask questions of our public officials, though they may not have had all the right answers.

The Ocean Beach Community Forum meets the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ocean Beach Rec. For more information call: 225-9305.

## BUDGET CUTS?

On May 24th, the City Council restored the hours of operation for all 37 City Recreation Centers. An additional change, a crucial proposal to cut staff hours by 98%, would empty buildings for people to enjoy. With school out and little affordable child-care or recreation available, it seems imperative the parents and residents of our community rally against this decision. At press time, no date had been set for public input on that budget item. Call the paper if you'd like to attend. In the meantime call your Councilman (236-6626). He needs to hear from his constituents.

The Library Budget is on the City Council docket for June 14, 10 a.m., 202 "C" Street. Anyone interested in attending, to speak to the issue or just show support of our Library, is urged to do so.



## PENINSULA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DAY

Wednesday, June 16, 1982

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring street songs and festivities Wednesday morning with mariachi's, clowns, local dignitaries, Miss Peninsula and her court. This group will entertain at member businesses to bring your attention to the merchants who are working to improve the Peninsula Community. Free gifts and prizes are offered at many stores.

For more information call 223-9767.

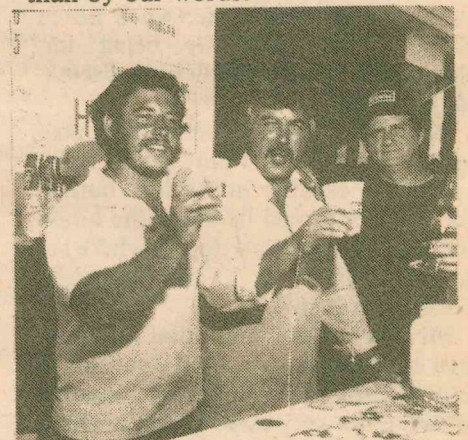
## FLEA MARKET

The Good Samaritan Association, a volunteer organization serving the needy, is holding a FLEA MARKET and YARD SALE on Saturday, June 12, 1982 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 4727 Del Monte Avenue. This year every possible money-raising event: A Walk/Jog-a-thon, an auction, brunches and breakfasts have been held in this community to raise money for the less fortunate. The needs are great to keep many church and lay programs going, and everyone sees theirs as the greatest need.

As a long-time resident of Ocean Beach I would like to share with the community at large, the not so well known work of this group of dedicated and endlessly willing people, always on call, be it to bring food to a home-bound individual, housing a family, transporting the sick to the doctor, hospital or therapy, coming up with a lost pay-check; no task is too big and no need too small for the Good Samaritans.

For you, who, for whatever reason, may be unable to do things for others, you CAN HELP: donate items you would discard anyway, ask friends and neighbors for their unwanted treasures, or call Bob Bedore at 222-5167 for other ways you may help. Any donation of items can be brought after June 1 to the back yard, on the alley side of 4727 Del Monte.

The residents of Ocean Beach should show their support to those who support the community emergency needs. Let's be known by our deeds rather than by our words.



Front to back; Mike Kane, owner of Ocean Beach Auto Body; Karyl Barber, with SDG&E; Jim Dion, 22 years owner of Ocean Beach Auto Repair.

## SACRED HEART FESTIVAL

Sacred Heart Parish Rainbow Fair  
Saturday and Sunday, June 5-6  
4895 Saratoga Avenue

This years festivities promise to be the best ever. As well as the usual food, games and entertainment the following special events are planned:

Saturday: Cake Decorating Contest  
1 p.m.

Moonlight Dancing

Sunday: O.B. Pier Run 8 a.m.  
Frog Jumping Contest  
Men's Legs Contest  
Portuguese Dinner 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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