Bite into the Best Burgers at the Beach

Burgers are on the menu at every beach bar, and the coastal region offers plenty of popular burger joints. And since May is National Hamburger Month and May 28 is National Hamburger Day, the Peninsula Beacon decided to sample and highlight burgers in Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Pacific and Mission beaches, and La Jolla.

May 28 is National Burger Day

By Savanah Duffy and Jonathan Lo

Savanah Duffy holds the Bare Lil Lamb burger from Raglan Public House in Ocean Beach, which eclipses Jonathan Lo.

Knife-wielding man subdued

Odd incident at Point Loma home

By Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

A distraught Point Loma man held dozens of San Diego Police officers at bay for an hour Wednesday, May 17 as he flashed a knife while constantly moving around his home and back yard.

The man was taken into custody after a contingent of officers armed with bean bag guns entered the home with two police dogs. Four distinct shots could be heard from the bean bag guns and the unidentified man was bitten repeatedly by the police dogs.

Apple Tree Market finally opens on Newport Avenue

By Dave Schwab | The Beacon

After a nearly four-year wait, and a grueling remodel, the new Apple Tree Market is open for business in Ocean Beach in a downscaled space at 4978 Newport Ave.

“It turned out to be very beautiful,” said Apple Tree’s owner, Saud Hirmez, of his 7,000-square-foot remodeled space, about half the size of his previous location at 4949 Santa Monica Ave. The market’s space has been downsized – not its selection, Hirmez said.

“There’s ample selection and merchandise, it’s a great new market.”

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San Diego International Airport recently officially kicked off construction of a new Federal Inspection Station at the west end of Terminal 2.

The new customs facility is being designed to accommodate the increase in international passengers resulting from recently added overseas flights. As of June, the airport will offer nonstop flights to and from six countries — Japan, Germany, Switzerland, the U.K., Mexico and Canada. Construction of a new, larger customs facility for international flight arrivals will allow the airport to process these passengers with greater ease and efficiency.

The new FIS facility will serve these airlines: British Airways, Japan Airlines, Condor Airlines, Alaska Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines, and, starting June 9, Edelweiss Air.

San Diego Airport breaks ground on Federal Inspection Station

Beacon travels

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Community plan still in progress for Midway District

The Midway-Pacific Highway Corridor is a hodgepodge of commercial, industrial, office and warehouse land uses, plus limited residential. Community and city planners are collaborating on reworking the neighborhood’s community plan, viewed as the blueprint for commercial and residential development in the congested corridor near Point Loma and Old Town. The community plan provides land-use designations and policies guiding future development, and hasn’t been updated since 1991.

“Does the (community plan) create some kind of walkway to the river under the (I-5) freeway?” asked group chair Cathy Kenton.

“That’s still in the plan,” replied White. “We’d like to make that connection.”

White estimated the community plan review as being “about 95 percent complete.” She added, “We’re moving fast into the environmental analysis of the project.”

The draft Midway Community Plan update can be viewed at www.sandiego.gov/nomanage Capture.

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“The (community plan) draft is in a new format allowing people to see Midway in the future with updated land-use maps and refined policies and includes urban green spaces and linear parks, more housing, enhanced sidewalks, urban trails and a future recreation center,” city staffer Vickie White said.

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Richard Arnstad Lockwood was the second of four sons raised by Richard and Linda Lockwood, (Big Rich) as he was affectionately known to his friends and family.

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High School and graduated from Point Loma High School in 1946.

Rich and Linda married shortly after he got out of high school, when started his career as a commercial fisherman out of Point Loma. He had a variety of career changes after fishing. He worked for Balboa Supply, Dixie of Treadwell Corp., and there eventually retired as a construction worker.

Rich was the true leader and adventurer. While raising his boys, he would take them and their friends fishing, surfing, camping, and desert exploring. All the kids growing up in OR loved Big Rich.

He would always be there to help mentor young kids when needed, he always had time for them. He would always keep them under his wing.

Rich was an avid surfer. He was long time member of the O.R. Longhorns. He enjoyed baseball, (the Dodgers of all teams), camping, fishing, and drinking an occasional cold beer! There’s nothing Big Rich hasn’t done, or couldn’t do. He never was without his wife, family and friends.

He was a master of a story, he always included everybody in his story whether they were there or not.

Everybody loved him. He was friendly with everyone, and made them feel welcomed. He was always the last of the party, first to be there, and the last to leave.

Big Rich will always go down as a legend in Ocean Beach because of his love for people, for his family, his friends, he was helpful, thoughtful, and sincere. He will be missed by many, and never forgotten.

Rich, may you rest in Peace, my dear brother.

His ashes was scattered in the ocean at Sunset Cliffs, next to his brother, Bob.

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The Point is planned for the site by the buyer, a joint venture whose managing member is an affiliate of San Diego-based real estate developer Hammer Ventures. The seller was Rexford Industrial Realty LP.

Rexford Industrial Realty Inc. of Los Angeles had previously acquired the former U.S. Postal Service annex facility at 2535 Midway Drive in October 2015 with plans to redevelop the property into new industrial spaces for $19.3 million.

A Rexford statement at that time said the transaction “presented an opportunity to acquire and repurpose two prominent industrial buildings in a dense, supply-constrained infill submarket in central San Diego.”

The former postal property consists of two buildings with a total of 373,000 rentable square feet on 16 acres, near the Valley View Casino Center arena in northern Point Loma.

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Ocean Beach Woman’s Club –
Laying a new foundation

(This article is the second in a series
about the Ocean Beach Woman’s Club
and the contributions they made, and
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We knew that when we volun-
teeered to help develop this article
series it would be fascinating to go
through all the historical archives.
However while pouring over meet-
ing notes (many in beautiful, hand-
written cursive), newspaper clip-
pings, scrapbooks and photographs,
nothing quite prepared us for this
sentence written in February of
1944.

"But, oh reader of  the future…"
It impressed upon us how these
women were thinking of  the collec-
tive us then, now and in the future.
They expected the meticulous docu-
mentation of  the work they did to
be preserved and read again. Like us,
they were concerned for their coun-
try, their community and their fam-
ilies. At that moment in time, that
sentence was written to us. We were
those future readers. It had a pro-
found affect—and literally brought
tears to our eyes. Cheers to the his-
torians! And now, for some history…

Location, location, location.
When first established in 1924,
the club met at homes, churches,
halls and lodges. One common loca-
tion was referred to as the Alligator
Rock Lodge at Bacon and Coronado
streets.

Flatiron Building
In April of  1927, the club leased
the 200-foot-long Flatiron building
located near Abbott and Newport.
They met there for 14 years. In
1939 they suffered through a high
tide flood that forced them to move
out temporarily .

Then in October 1941, tides
destroyed the entire building.
Homeless, the club then met at
various locations, including the old
Apple Tree Grocery location (CVS
now), which they rented for $25 a
month, and Wallace Hall in the Epis-
copal Church. They also purchased
a location on Del Monte, as well as
on the 4800 block of  Newport, ulti-
mately looking for a place they could
call home.

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deeded a plot of  land at our current
location of  Bacon and Muir. The
deed had strict stipulations "... given
with the understanding that these
lots are to be used as the site for a
club house for the OBWC and
should that organization abandon
the property , fail to pay the taxes
when due, attempt to sell the lots,
or remove the proposed club house
to any other location ... the lots will
immediately revert to the ownership
of  Jean Annette Rittenhouse or her
heirs or assigns.”

Now all they needed was a struc-
ture. A bungalow, once used as a
Congregational Church and as a
school room for Ocean Beach Ele-
mentary came up for auction.
Armed with a mission, representa-
tives for the club went to the auc-
tion. Bidding started at $10, and
was ultimately purchased for
$1,350. The meeting notes read,
"But, mark well, reader of  the
future, this was another important
day in the history of  the Ocean
Beach Woman’s Club. It marked the
purchase of  the School Bungalow
for $1,350."
The building was moved onto the
lot at our current location, and con-
tinues to serve us now. It’s impor-
tant also to note that this all hap-
pened during WW II – a time when
the primary focus of  the OBWC was
providing food, shelter, companion-
ship and warmth to the servicemen
patrolling our shores. The Service
Men’s Club. More on that next issue.

Submitted by the Ocean Beach
Woman’s Club Floor Campaign Com-
mittee.
Point Loma’s sailing team wins seventh national title

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

Eight members of the sailing team at Point Loma High School traveled 2,584 air miles to Boston last weekend for the annual Mallory Cup Trophy regatta, the pinnacle of prep sailing, and once again returned home with more luggage than they brought.

For the seventh time, the local boaters brought back the Mallory Cup and the title of double handed national champions, a record unmatched by any school in the country.

Making the cross-country trip were team members freshmen Diego Escobar and Jack Egan, sophomore Sean Caufield, juniors Jack Retter, JD Schrady and Emma Batcher and seniors Remy Reynolds and Kenny Moats. With them was veteran coach Steve Hunt, now in his 12th year as Pointer coach.

This year’s event was held May 12-14 under conditions that ranged from dry and overcast to rainy and wet on the Charles River in Boston. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) hosted teams from the top 20 schools in the United States. Each earned a berth in the championship by placing at the top of regional finals held in the seven regions of the Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA).

The Pointers hosted and won the Pacific Coast regional event on April 29 to qualify.

The Mallory Cup event is hosted every year on a rotating basis in one of the seven regions. The San Diego Yacht Club hosted the 2014 competition, also the last time the Pointers captured the cup.

Firefly class boats were chosen for this year’s finals. Each is 12 feet in length with 90 square feet of sail area. Each of the 20 schools launched two boats, dubbed ‘A’ and ‘B,’ and each boat sailed 20 separate races. The place finishes of each race were added to yield each team’s score, with the lowest score winning.

Aware the conditions would be different than their usual practice course, Hunt moved his team to an area that would more closely resemble the Mallory Cup site.

"Knowing the Charles River is super shifty, we moved our race course in La Playa basin up against the beach to make it as wild and shifty as possible," he said. "This certainly helped us win the event." Retter (’A’) and Egan (’B’) skippered the Pointer boats.

Hunt chose a crew to crew on each boat and race based on wind and weather conditions.

The Pointer ‘B’ boat achieved the best score of the 40-boat fleet, turning in a score of 110, which included just two wins but 11 top-five finishes. Scoring slightly higher was the Pointer ‘A’ boat (137) with four wins and the same number of top-five finishes.

The boats combined for a total score of 247, ten points lower than second-place Severn School of the Mid-Atlantic division, a private school in Maryland with an enrollment of 600 in grades 6-12.

"The team has grown from 12 to 35 kids including eighth graders," Hunt said about his tenure in the program. "We are always refining what we do and how we teach to become better. "The (San Diego) yacht club facilities have also improved and become more conducive to learning with the state-of-the-art Malin Burnham Sailing Center and new fleet of 24 FJ (class sailboats)."

One of Hunt’s greatest challenges is bringing in new team members as others graduate.

"We also try to create a culture where the more experienced sailors coach the less experienced sailors on the team. We want everyone to be very good regardless of age," he said. "I actually coach the eighth graders and freshman more than I coach the juniors and seniors."

Next up for the local sailors is the season-ending ISSA team racing championship for the Baker Trophy that casts off this coming weekend, May 26-28 in Norfolk, Va.

Pointers win Eastern League title, start CIF Div. II playoffs this week

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

After wrapping up the Eastern League title, the Pointer baseball team began play earlier this week in CIF Div. II playoffs.

The Pointers (20-9-1 overall) were assigned the No. 5 seed in the playoffs, a tough spot since seeds 1-4 are paired during the play-in round Tuesday, May 30. Div. II finals will be played Saturday, June 3 at University of San Diego’s Fowler Park at 1:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Pointer boys wrapped up their league championship with a one-inning burst of runs that gave them a 4-0 victory over runner-up Patrick Henry last week at David Wells Field.

It was the home third inning when the Pointers struck, with second baseman Trevor Sykes hitting a ball that got by the Patriots’ shortstop. Right fielder Frank Rogozienski was walked. Shortstop Justin DaLuiz’s perfect bunt rolled to a stop in fair territory down the third baseline to load the bases with no outs.

Mitchell Sardo hit a slow roller down the third baseline, scoring Sykes from third for a 1-0 lead.
Luxury condos coming to Rosecrans St.

Bellamar, a collection of 16 two-bedroom master flats, is coming to 1180 Rosecrans St. in Point Loma replacing Blockbuster Video, Ipanema Watch & Jewelry and Gus’s Subs. Developer Rudy Medina said July is now the target date for completion of the housing project, which recently raised its roof prior to dry-wall construction.

Designed by Martinez Cutri Architects, many of Bellamar’s units exceed 2,000 square feet in size and are being priced in the low $1.1 million-range. It’s a price the project’s website claims “will be significantly lower than similar-sized units in the immediate area.”

Bellamar features skyline and harbor views and has luxurious and sustainable amenities including an electric car charging station, rooftop deck and barbeque area. The housing project is in the heart of Point Loma Village and “Little Portugal.” For more information, visit bellamarpointloma.com.

Concerning the eight jacaranda trees Point Loma Association planted and nurtured for so many years before construction began on the project site, developers are assuring that, when new landscaping goes in, it will include nine or 10 maturing jacaranda trees.

To submit a design, send it to info@obtowncouncil.org in vector format.

OB signs remembered

Ocean Beach Historical Society presenter Claudia Jack has an extensive Ocean Beach sign collection of the community’s most memorable and funny signs. She saved many signs that were on the way to being trashed or destroyed.

Jack will also talk briefly on the importance of community volunteerism at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Point Loma United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. Don’t miss this flash from the past as words and images trigger your memories of OB’s unique and colorful history.

Peninsula Singers spring concert

The Peninsula Singers will present “Inspirational Music” at its spring concert on Friday, June 9 from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at All Souls Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Blvd. Tickets are $15 for adults, $12 for students, seniors and military. Children age 10 and under may attend for free. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.peninsulasingerssandiego.org.

Music includes American spirituals, pieces from “Fiddler on the Roof,” “The Sound of Music,” and “Carousel”; and other uplifting popular and classical music selections.

Ocean Beach Town Council logo contest

The Ocean Beach Town Council is holding a logo design contest through June 5. They are looking for locals to submit logo designs that represent Ocean Beach’s unique community. The winner will receive a $250 Visa gift card, and their design will be on all OBTC materials.

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Standout summer event will bring the aroma of chili, nonstop music and entertainment to OB on June 24.

Thousands of visitors are expected to flock to Ocean Beach to enjoy food, drinks, chili, live music, art and great people watching at the Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival on June 24.

The 38th annual festival will celebrate the Summer of Love and include an oceanfront chili cook-off, vendor and food booths, Artists Alley, a beachside garden, live music and entertainment, family friendly activities, carnival rides and games, art, the Community Mural Project and more. Attendees can also stop by Rock and Roll San Diego’s booth to get a free 15-minute music lessons, giveaways and loads of cool stuff.

The chili competition will feature more than twenty tastings from entrants competing for the titles of ‘Judges’ Award and the grand prize winner: People’s Choice Award, in both amateur and restaurant divisions. Chili tastings will begin at 11 a.m. and will end when contestants run out of samples. Tastings can be purchased for $2 per chili entry, or attendees can buy a Master Ticket for $20 to try every recipe and vote for the best.

The Hodad’s Burger-Eating Competition will be back by popular demand and will offer contestants a chance to be featured on the Hodad’s Wall of Fame at the Ocean Beach location. The Bloody Mary competition will also make a return with 15 local Ocean Beach restaurants and bars competing for the title of Best Bloody Mary in Ocean Beach. Tickets can be purchased for $20, which allows you to sample each entry and vote for your favorite. Children and adults of all ages are welcome to purchase a $15 square to contribute to this year’s Community Mural Project. Visit the mural area on Bacon Street just south of Newport to reserve and then paint your square. After the Street Fair, the murals are sealed and installed in the community. On Cable Street, Artists Alley will feature accomplished artists and their handcrafted items.

Family-friendly attractions include the Wonderland Fun Zone – located in the parking lot adjacent to US Bank near Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Newport Avenue – with a 20-foot slide, OB Express Train Ride for the little ones, Zip Line, Zorb balls, Hop’ n Rock, laser tag, kids games and more.

There will be five stages of nonstop music throughout the day. Music genres include acoustic, rock, blues, alternative, Americana and more.

The street fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the 4800 – 5000 blocks of Newport Avenue, along the waterfront and in the pier parking lot, and along the cross streets of Newport Avenue at Bacon Street and Cable Street. Free trolley services will run for people parking near Robb Field (every 30 minutes) and on Sea World Drive at Pacific Coast Highway (every hour) from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. There will also be a free bike valet at the intersection of Bacon Street and Newport Avenue, courtesy of the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition. Admission to the event is free. For more information, visit www.OceanBeach-SanDiego.com.
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Third – Tanya Silva  
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The inaugural Adult Coloring Contest, sponsored by the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association and the Peninsula Beacon, was a huge success with more than 25 entries. Winners were decided by judges selected by the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association. Ocean Beach MainStreet Association and the Peninsula Beacon would like to thank all those who participated and submitted entries.

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Movie buffs take note! Grab your comfy throws to enjoy cult and blockbuster movie classics beneath the stars in Point Loma’s two hot spots – The Pearl Hotel and Liberty Station’s Stone Brewery World Bistro and Gardens. Sidling Shelter Island, The Pearl Hotel hosts “Dive-In Theatre,” a free, weekly cinema social presented at their poolside lounge. Movies are projected onto a 10- by 13-foot screen complete with surround sound. Overlooking its vintage, oyster-shaped, heated, salt-water swimming pool, seating is based on a first-come, first-served basis poolside and/or guests can enjoy the film while floating in the water. “Owner Greg Strangman is all about mingling guests with the community,” said Natalie Richards, The Pearl Hotel’s operations manager. “We love our local peeps! Our Dive-In Theatre offers everyone the opportunity to enjoy a range of classics, mega-hits, foreign and independent films, poolside.”

According to Richards, this “eclectic mixture” of movies are chosen by The Pearl Hotel staff peeps. “Staff pitch in to pick from a collection of favorites from the hotel’s private library,” she continued. “There are no stipulations, other than having fun. Out-of-towners are surprised by how much fun the movie-themed night can be. Dive-In Theater is a great mix of San Diegans, travelers and hotel staff coming together to enjoy delicious food, fun cocktails and great flicks!”

Guests and staff are encouraged to dress up for the evening’s movie-themed costume contest complete with prizes. Guests are also invited to dine at EAT at The Pearl or enjoy its poolside cocktail service and cabana dining with – of course – a special, movie-themed menu and cocktail. Showtime begins at 8 p.m.; food is served until 10 p.m.; and the bar remains open until 11 p.m. Reservations are encouraged as pool space is limited to 15. Open seating without tables is available for walk-ins on a first-come, first-serve basis.

“Life is good here, because the livin’ is easy,” said Laura Incar done, manager of Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens. “Wednesday night cinema is a great way to bring people together in an atmosphere of leisure and fun.”

Now in its fifth year, movies are “free in the sport of tradition.” Incar done gathers a list of movie favorites and sends to owner Greg Koch who finalizes the choices. “We aim high for quotable, cult classic comedies sprinkled with some action flicks,” she continued. “We’re all about ‘enjoy.’ It’s exciting not only to participate, but to watch Liberty Station grow to become so alive.”

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If there is a contender for hardest-working man in Ocean Beach, Gale Hopping is certainly at the top of the list. A local sound man for various venues, Hopping also produces concerts and is social media director for such events as The San Diego Music Awards and Art Around Adams, most recently adding a new, free, weekly event to the local calendar: Sunday Fundays at Mother’s Saloon.

“I was trying to do something a little different from the typical singer-songwriter events,” Hopping said. “Everyone’s nights are getting crowded with so many competing shows and I realized that most venues are a blank slate during the day. So at least on the weekends, it seemed like the perfect opportunity to try something new.”

Shows typically feature one spotlight artist performing acoustic from 2 to 4:30 p.m. “We’re saving bands for our Friday night music series at Mother’s,” he explained. “This is a more laid back experience, featuring some of the area’s best singer-songwriters as well as the occasional band expanding their boundaries a little by playing acoustic, kind of a perfect soundtrack for an afternoon near the beach.”

Upcoming performers include Kayla Hope (May 28), Blaise Gould (June 4) and Lacy Younger with Marklyn Retzer (June 11), The Moves Collective (June 18) and Skyler Lutes (June 25).

“We have a small budget for talent, so Sundays, it’s usually solo or duo, but I leave that up to the performers. Moves Collective for example will probably be a full-band gig.”

Other venues often put two to three artists in the same time amount of time, but Hopping sees the 2 1/2 hour slot as a great showcase. “It gives performers an opportunity to stretch out a little and audiences a chance to fully enjoy what an artist can do,” he said.

The shows have done well so far, with Hopping giving the staff at Mother’s a lot of the credit for their success. “Mother’s is already a great place to eat, drink and socialize,” Hopping said. “This just adds a little spice to the proceedings. Especially as we head in to summer, it gives people in the area something new to do during the day and hopefully they’ll hear some ‘new to them’ performers to enjoy.”

Ocean Beach seems to be going through a musical renaissance in recent years, with more shows than ever taking place. “I don’t know why exactly, but it seems like people are just drawn here for music like a magnet,” Hopping said. “It seems that music has been a part of Ocean Beach for a long time. Since I’ve lived here, more than 13 years at this point, I’ve met so many musicians that come specifically to Ocean Beach and San Diego to find themselves musically.”

While promoting music can be a thankless task, Hopping considers himself to be on a personal mission for San Diego. “There’s just so much more live music in San Diego then people realize,” he said. “I hope that one day I can collectively put together a real list of live music each month in San Diego. I see a time in the near future that San Diegans can find almost any live show, when it is and where it’s at.”

While most promoters stop at booking the shows and posting a few times on social media, Hopping is ready to take things to the next level. “I’m a firm believer that if you tell the people where to go and who is playing, they’ll want to go.”

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Kayla Hope (left) will play her brand of acoustic, country, pop, and rock on May 28.
Many fantasize about singing on stage with famous rock groups, and Point Loma High School’s choir has just such an opportunity. But they need your help.

When long-time rockers Foreigner, formed in 1976, is appearing onstage with Foreigner as well as pocketing $2,500. Four runners-up will receive $500 each. Vote at 101kgb.iheart.com/contest/ent101kgb.iheart.com/contests.

The PLHS choir, under the direction of Ina Soliz, is celebrating its second year as a full-time class elective, and she reports she has “a lot of beginners with a lot of heart” in her group.

Foreigner, formed in 1976, is still together despite many personnel changes. They have been using high school choirs in their shows recently, rehearsing with students over the Internet via Skype.

PLHS choir looking for votes to sing with Foreigner

The San Diego Watercolor Society Presents “Paint Promenade” May 28 – July 1, 2017

San Diego, CA – The San Diego Watercolor Society presents “Gales of Color”, an art exhibition juried by award-winning artist Craig Anderson. The exhibit runs from May 28 – July 1, 2017 at the SDWS Art Gallery in The ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station. The Opening Reception is Friday June 2 from 5-8 pm with 95-100 original paintings for sale, plus wine, food, music and the fellowship of other art enthusiasts. The Gallery is open Weds-Sun, 10 am – 4 pm and is free to the public. 2825 Dewey Road, Bldg #202, San Diego, CA 92106 (The ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station) Visit www.sdws.org for more information. Docent-led tours upon request. The San Diego Watercolor Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1965, is dedicated to expanding the appreciation and involvement in watermedia painting through education, exhibition and promotion. SDWS was voted 2nd Best Gallery in San Diego by the San Diego AList in 2016 and was twice awarded the Gold Medal for Best Gallery in Point Loma by the Peninsula Beacon’s People’s Choice Award. SDWS presents a new juried exhibition at their Art Gallery in the ARTS DISTRICT Liberty Station each month with an Opening Reception on the first Friday of each month from 5-8 pm with great original art, refreshments and the companionship of other art enthusiasts. Both the Gallery Exhibition and the Reception are free. Other services for the benefit of over 700 members and the public include an extensive art library, a full program of workshops, classes and artist demonstrations (open to members and non-members) and artist-led plein air painting opportunities. More information can be found at http://www.sdws.org
Ocean Beach

If you’ve ever been in Ocean Beach for more than five minutes, odds are you’ve heard about the burgers at Hodad’s – and for good reason. Hodad’s burgers are hearty and satisfying, and that unique OB-community atmosphere just adds to its appeal. Hodad’s menu includes hamburgers, cheeseburgers, bacon hamburgers, bacon cheeseburgers (each in a mini, single or double size), among other options, such as the chicken burger or veggie burger, for the non-red meat eaters.

Raglan Public House, on the corner of Niagara and Bacon, offers a variety of burgers that are sure to appeal to whatever mood your taste buds are in, whether you’re feeling tropical (Maui Waui – includes grilled pineapple and bacon), spicy (Kiwilan-go – includes sliced jalapenos, hot sauce) or classic (Average Joe – includes American cheese, ketchup, mayo and mustard).

But if you want to experience the best of Raglan, try the Bare Lil Lamb. The mint dressing gives it a refreshing taste, while beetroot adds a burst of sweet flavor, complemented by tomato chutney and garlic aioli. Don’t forget to add a sunny-side egg.

Vegetarian or not a red-meat lover? Try the Cluck & Squeal (chicken, bacon, avocado), the Chica Bunga (chicken, jalapenos, coconut raita, mango chutney, garlic aioli), or the Wake & Bake (swordfish, coleslaw, avocado), or the Holy Roller (tola, avocado, garlic aioli, coconut riatta, spicy peanut dressing).

The Tilted Stick on Voltaire Street promotes its drink menu of hard alcohol, mixed drinks and beers, but its food menu deserves a shout out as well. Along with tacos and wings, this bar and grill offers its Bac-N-Cheezeburger, a quarter-pound burger and the BBQ Stick (double-cheeseburger with BBQ). The casual pub atmosphere and pool tables makes this the perfect place to have a fun evening.

Point Loma

Point Loma is known for its delectable seafood, but hidden in the mix are some amazing burger places.

Stuffed!, like the name suggests, will leave you full with their cheese-filled patties. In similar style to the name of the joint, Stuffed!’s burgers also have quirky names. Here, the management challenged us with the BANG and BOOM.

The BANG offers a blue cheese-stuffed patty, peppered smoked bacon, fried onion straws, pickles, and BBQ sauce while the BOOM puts forward American cheese-stuffed patty topped with spicy mac ‘n’ cheese, peppered smoked bacon, lettuce, tomato, pickles, and Stuffed! sauce. And indeed, they left a BANG and a BOOM in our mouths. To say the least, we were completely stuffed after the meal.

Jimmy’s Famous American Tavern features a beautiful view of the marina as well as a cozy outdoor patio. Inside, they offer the ridiculously huge Cowboy Burger. The burger offers onion fritters, BBQ sauce, Anaheim chile, bacon, cheddar, and a 100 percent New York sirloin patty stacked into a formidable beast of a burger.

When you talk about burgers in Point Loma, there is no way you can leave out Slater’s 50/50. A classic, Slater’s regular burgers have patties made with a 50/50 blend of beef and bacon. The Original 50/50 has a standard 50/50 patty accompanied by bacon, pepper jack, a sunny-side-up egg, avocado mash, chipotle adobo mayo, and brioche. One word describes this burger: juicy, make sure you have plenty of napkins when you try to tackle the 50/50.

Pacific Beach

Rocky’s Crown Pub at Ingraham and La Playa is home to some of the best burgers in San Diego, but don’t be fooled by the bar’s simple menu – hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and fries. There’s a reason why the place is always busy, and that is simply because these burgers require nothing outside of the basics to be phenomenal. Beef patties that are thick, juicy and perfectly seasoned are balanced out with just lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles and mayonnaise. In this no-frills wood-paneled pub – with a no-nonsense attitude – don’t bother trying to order trendy sandwiches with avocado options, just belly-up to the bar with a beer and tasty burger.

Bare Back Grill on Mission Boulevard has just what you want if you’re
looking for above-average bar food, particularly when it comes to their burgers. Burgers such as the Bare, Big & Dirty (includes two huge 100 percent organic beef patties, two fried eggs, bacon and more) are the perfect meal after a long walk on the boardwalk. Or, if you’ve had your fill from their drink menu, try the Lil Ritties (two “hobbit-sized” 100 percent organic beef burgers). Sit inside for their bar atmosphere or outside to enjoy their outdoor patio.

The Slider Brigade at Crushed on Garnet Avenue has a few different delicious slider options, including PB BBQ (three homemade beef and bacon burgers with red jalapenos, mozzarella, crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce), and the Bifteki (three lamb burgers with tomatoes, onions and romaine, cucumbers, tzatziki sauce and feta cheese), with a chicken parmesan slider option as well. If you showed up for the relaxed atmosphere and drinks, make sure you stay for the sliders.

Mission Beach

- Draft, on Ocean Front Walk in front of Belmont Park, allows patrons to enjoy their food on a boardwalk patio while basking in the sun and people-watching. The Draft burger had a juicy patty with the standard lettuce, tomato, onion, cheddar cheese, and mayonnaise, and because we ordered it Draft-style, with sunny-side egg, bacon, crispy onions, and beer cheese added in. Right after the first bite, yolk and burger juices oozed out.

- Beaumont’s might offer only two burgers, but it’s well worth your time and appetite. The Char-Burger is your basic burger, made with 100 percent angus beef, house aioli, lettuce, tomato, and onion. But Beaumont’s Burger is the main burger attraction on this menu. A half-pound, three meat blend of veal, pork and beef contributes to a thick, juicy patty with a more flavorful taste than your average beef burger. The burger is topped off with sun-dried tomatoes, feta, basil aioli, and balsamic glazed onions for a mildly sweet and tangy finish. Eat this Beaumont masterpiece inside at one of their high tables, or sit outside and enjoy people-watching while lounging on their plush sofa seats in the patio area.

- Relax at The Lodge at Torrey Pines and enjoy The Grill’s famous Drugstore Hamburger, a classic burger with mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickles. The outdoor patio area makes The Grill a nice seating area for the day, and the fire pits contribute to a cozy feeling in the evening. Don’t forget to order a local craft beer to add the finishing touch to your meal.

- La Jolla Brewing Co. has more than just quality craft beers; they’ve got a great bar food menu as well. Try their Rogue Wave Burger (a classic burger with horseradish mayo), or their LJBC House Burger. The LJBC House Burger is made with premium beef, bleu cheese, Portobello mushrooms, buffalo wing sauce, tomato and green leaf lettuce on a pretzel bun. Have a happy and fulfilling National Hamburger Day everyone!
Western-themed fair offers something for all, and octopus on a stick

By SAVANNAH DUFFY | The Beacon

Whether you grew up on a farm and can ride a horse like Hopalong Cassidy, or you don’t know the difference between a Clydesdale and a Shetland pony, San Diego County Fair’s “Where the West is Fun” promises a wide variety of fun and food that is guaranteed to appeal to all visitors.

Presented by Albertsons and Vons, the fair will run from 4 p.m. on June 2 through July 4, with countless entertainment options, delicious and unique food creations, engaging craft areas, contests and exhibits.

For a distinctly western feel, this year’s fair will include a speakeasy decorated as an opium den. To get in, hunt down a Jade Peacock card at one of the three bars on the fairgrounds and follow instructions from there, says the speakeasy bartender Tracy Brighouse.

But anyone who has ever been to the San Diego County Fair knows that eating is just as important as drinking, if not more so.

Tasti Burgers and Tasti Chips are back with their newest burger, the Maui Cowboy: A delicious combination of all-natural beef and spam (to add a Hawaiian flair, says owner McKnight assures customers has the business has ever sold fried food.

In addition to octopus on a stick, with marinara,alfredo or ranch sauce.

Customers can choose between cheese ravioli on a stick or buffalo chicken on a stick, with marinara, Alfredo or ranch sauce.

In addition to keeping visitors well-fed, the fair’s Whole Life Festival will occur on July 1 to promote healthy lifestyles and natural living.

Included in this festival is The Expert in Life Program, which according to volunteer staff member Pam Reed, includes lessons on the art of deep meditation and self-empowerment, taught by Erhard Vogl, Ph.D., one of the most highly-acclaimed meditation teachers in the world, according to the Natara-ja Meditation and Yoga Center.

Also included is the San Diego-based company Organifi, which is best known for selling their green juice made of 11 different gently dehydrated superfoods that supplies the body with a natural energy and contributes to good health all throughout the body, says Kori-ann Kobayashi, director of events and expo.

As always, the fair welcomes everyone with open arms with various multicultural festivals.

The Asian Festival will be composed of cultures from China, India, Hawaii and more. The new addition to the Asian Festival is an Asian art exhibit at 17 Hands Restaurant and Bar, along with Sake flights at the Paddock Tavern.

The Mariachi Festival takes place on June 11, newly featuring tequila sampling and a piñata for the public to swing at.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR
Where: Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.
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and it’s going to serve the community very well,” he said. “It’s going to work out just great.”

The boutique grocery store owner said Apple Tree is new and improved with a full-service meat department and a staff butcher, produce and dairy departments, and a deli.

There are other store upgrades as well.

“We have a lot of organic items,” Hirmez added.

Apple Tree’s new retail space has gone through several reincarnations over the years. In turn, it’s been a surf shop, a gym, a bazaar and a Bank of America building.

The Hirmez family acquired the building and have been remodeling since February 2016.

Hirmez said the remodel took longer than expected. “It’s easier to rebuild a new building than it is to go through a remodel. With a new building you don’t have to reinvent the wheel. You just have to put in new plumbing, electrical, etc. When you’re messing with an old building, it’s a different process. You have to replace everything that’s there, which is likely old and may not be up to current codes and standards.”

The entrepreneur said everything in the Apple Tree, which had a soft opening May 22, is “brand new and up to date – all fresh.”

Hirmez noted his liquor license has been carried over from his former location to sell beer, wine and spirits. According to him, that license includes several agreed-upon conditions including: no single cans of beer, no half-pints or miniature bottles of spirits, no fortified wines and no sales after midnight.

Hirmez said there was a flurry of activity by he and his team just prior to Apple Tree’s re-opening.

“We were putting in 15-, 16-hour days,” he said. “We’re all excited to finally be giving the community the store that they deserve.”

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