Hijacking on Ingraham Street:
Three Los Angeles men hijacked a BMW from a couple on Ingraham Street on Feb. 2. Read more on page 5.

Weekend Surf Report

Saturday
Hi: 6:05 a.m. Low: 10:39 a.m. Surf: 6-10 ft. Wind: 6-10 mph
6:05 p.m. 2:08 p.m.

Sunday
Hi: 7:36 a.m. Low: 1:23 a.m. Surf: 2-3 ft. Wind: 6-14 mph
9:01 p.m. 2:36 p.m.

Thursday, Feb 5–18, 2009

Graffiti busters prepare to spray

By ADRIANE TILLMAN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Jim Menders now sees graffiti everywhere but he’s not so sure he appreciates the enlightenment. Menders is one of a few hundred people who will take to the streets on Feb. 7 to clean graffiti off streets, sidewalks, utility poles and dumpsters.

The Pacific Beach Town Council’s Safe and Beautiful Committee is calling on volunteers to help out at its second annual graffiti day this Saturday.

Taggers tend to come out en masse in the summer, according to Menders, who said once he started looking for graffiti he saw it everywhere, from fences to street signs.

“It’s kind of disturbing to be enlightened in this way,” Menders said, who helps coordinate the graffiti cleanup. “I thought my neighborhood was relatively free of graffiti and then I found out it’s everywhere.”

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Schools in Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach and La Jolla are poised to receive less federal funding this year to support students whose families struggle financially.

The San Diego Unified School Board of Education voted 3-2 on Jan. 27 to give less federal funding to some beach area schools and shift it to other schools.

San Diego Elementary stands to lose $31,752 in federal funds if the board upholds its vote. SDUSD board member Richard Barrera said it was an effort to give money to schools that have more students from poorer families.

Barrera voted to shift the money, but said he rushed last week’s decision.

“Terry McManus, Barrera said. “I think I jumped into a decision without...community input. My feeling is that we need to back up a little.”

The board will address the issue at their next board meeting Tuesday, Feb. 10, according to Barrera.

School Board members John de Beck and Katharine Nakamura voted against the motion to move the money: while board members Sheila Jackson, John Lee Evans and Barrera voted in favor.

Nakamura said the board also eliminated the district’s “6 to 6” program. The program provides child-care for working families before and after school.

“Are these families that are rich on the edge and we’re going to pull the carpet from under them?” Nakamura asked.

The decision to eliminate federal funding for schools with students and families qualifying for assistance only makes the budget for these schools worse, she said.

MB High student slain, suspect unknown

By RONAN GRAY | BEACH & BAY PRESS

George Podhorsky wore his daughter’s jacket as he spoke to members of the media about his daughter who had been murdered the day before in National City. He mourned the death of his daughter as he sat in the quiet Pacific Beach Christian Church across the road from his apartment.

An unidentified attacker shot Hannah Podhorsky as she stood outside a friend’s home at 2:40 a.m. on Feb. 1 on the 700 block of South 42nd Street in National City. According to police, Podhorsky was shot to death.

According to police, Podhorsky was at a party the day before in National City. As she left the private Christian church after the vigil, her father grieves.

Police don’t know if the victim and the suspect knew each other, or if Podhorsky was even the intended target.

Police said Podhorsky and a friend decided to leave the party and walk back to the home on West Street. A fight erupted at the party that may have involved up to 20 people, according to San Diego Police Lieutenant Terry McManus.

“Whether or not the victim and some of her friends were involved in the fight; we don’t know that for sure,” McManus said. “We do think the victim may have been involved in a fight.”

Police said Podhorsky and a friend decided to leave the party and walk back to the home on 42nd Street. Shortly after arriving at the home, approximately two Hispanic males suspected approached on foot.

“The victim and her friend were out in front of the home on 42nd street and for whatever reason the suspects fired gunshot in their direction and she was struck,” McManus said. “She was the only one struck.”

Police don’t know if the victim and the suspect knew each other, or if Podhorsky was even the intended target.

As police investigate Podhorsky’s death, her father grieves.

He recounted how his daughter’s life changed after she left the private Christian school and joined Mission Bay High School.

“She started to go down the wrong path,” he said.

Restaurant walk gets a Blazin’:
North PB’s restaurant walk will swing by the latest eatery on the Turquoise block - the Blazin’ Grill. See page 4.
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Cuts
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The cut in federal money to beach area schools comes as the unified school district works to close an estimated $30 million budget shortfall for this year. Schools like Pacific Beach Elementary could lose teachers in subjects like math and Spanish if money isn’t available to pay them, according to Dawn Deatrick, president of the Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary, the school’s Parent Teacher Organization.

“Our teachers that are already spread thin will be spread even thinner,” Deatrick said. “The students just won’t get the same instruction they’re getting now.”

University City High School used this year’s federal funds to hire extra instructors and tutors, said Principal Michael Price. “This was our first year [to receive federal dollars],” Price said. “If [the board’s decision] were to remain, we would lose the ability to use those dollars to pay for after school tutoring.”

Solving the $30 million shortfall

To address the $30 million budget deficit, the board imposed a hiring freeze with a few positions approved on a “case by case basis,” according to SDUSD spokesman Jack Brandais. Administrators also must approve all spending, he said.

“We really want to keep a real tight lid on spending,” Brandais said. “If there are things that can be postponed, [administrators] will take a look at them.”

The district’s budget crisis stems, in part, from the inability of California state legislators to resolve the state’s budget crisis, Brandais said.

The state budget problem has the school district preparing for an estimated $20 million to $40 million current year budget cut with impacts on next year’s budget, he said.

In January, board member John de Beck had called for a savings plan that would close the district for nine days for the next two years, and cut salaries for board members for two months. De Beck represents schools in Pacific Beach, Mission Bay, Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Bird Rock and La Jolla. De Beck estimated his plan could save the district $70 million over the next two years, and avoid layoffs. His proposal, however, fell on deaf ears, according to de Beck.

De Beck said the district should address the budget by Sunday, March 15, when the school district becomes obligated to pay teachers’ salaries. By law, the district must notify teachers by March 15 if they will be laid off, he said. With about 80 percent of the school budget dedicated to teachers’ salaries, any savings from layoffs would be minimal.

The SDUSD board next meets Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. at the Eugene Brucker Education Center, 4100 Normal St.

Graffiti

THE STORY

Last year families, children, activists, politicians and locals sprayed the graffiti with a solvent that quickly dissolves it, or painted over it with paint.

This year, volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church, located at 1675 Garnet Ave. The committee will train volunteers from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and provide refreshments, and volunteers will then head out to clean until noon.

Menders said volunteers will know how to clean graffiti next time they see it.

“You look at it; you take a photo; you remove it,” Menders said, adding people should report the graffiti to the San Diego Police Department’s Graffiti Strike Force. “Don’t call the city [to remove it]. They can’t assist you.”

RSVP for the graffiti day by emailing cleamph@gmail.com or call (858) 483 6666.
Nibble your way from restaurant to restaurant in northern Pacific Beach and earn money for local schools! It’s the fifth annual restaurant walk!

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, restaurants in northern Pacific Beach will open their doors for the restaurant walk from 5 to 8 p.m. The one-mile eating walk stretches from La Jolla Boulevard to Cass Street.

New restaurants have opened in the area since last year’s walk, including The Fig Tree Cafe on Cass Street that replaced the popular Italian eatery where locals brought their own wine to the table. Still featuring a large outdoor patio, The Fig Tree Cafe serves largely organic, California/Mediterranean food like smoked salmon omelets or, on the hippy side, blue corn pancakes and whole grain granola.

Blazin’ Grill is the new burger and pizza joint on the Turquoise block. The Blazin’ Burger will surely live up to its name: topped with spicy siracha ketchup and siracha aioli (a spicy take on a traditional French mayonnaise), with sweet potato fries or coleslaw on the side.

Coffee shops and sweet spots will also remain open like Java Jones Coffeehouse on Cass Street, the Chocolate Haus and Chronic Smoothies on Turquoise Street. The Mission Bay High Dixieland Jazz Band will play.

But the event isn’t all fun and food. Two active mothers with children in the Pacific Beach schools launched the restaurant walk five years ago to rally the community behind the Pacific Beach schools and to raise money for extracurricular activities like music club and a marine science field trip.

Kathy Upp and Laura Daly wanted to rally the community behind the Pacific Beach schools at a time when some residents were sending their children elsewhere for school. “We put it together one year to help the schools and it has sort of taken on a life of its own,” Upp said. The restaurant walk generates about $7,500 for the elementary, middle and high school.

Eventually, Upp would like to see other businesses participate in the event as well.

“I want it to be a business thing as well as a restaurant walk.” Upp said. “There are so many people walking by.”

Other restaurants that will participate include Pernicano’s Pizza House, Turquoise Coffee, The French Gourmet, Freggy’s Bar and Grill and Calif Bar Europa.

Tickets cost $15 for adults and $7 for children. Tickets are available at: Mission Bay High School, Pacific Beach Middle, Pacific Beach Elementary, Java Jones Coffeehouse, Turquoise Coffee, Leilani’s Café, Pernicano’s Pizza House and San Diego National Bank. For more information call (619) 276 7513.
Enforcing alcohol laws and parking regulations is this year's top priority for the Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC) that hosted its second annual community forum on Jan. 21. Approximately 50 people turned out to discuss the top issues.

The town council also plans to install video surveillance cameras, remove gum from the sidewalks, and beautify medians with landscaping; boost attendance at town council meetings; and build a Pacific Beach Good Neighbor Policy.

“The city pays,” said Jerry Hall, who chairs the Safe and Beautiful Committee and acts as the PBTC director “This is a much more manageable list than last year.” Hall described himself as a subscriber to the “broken windows” theory, endorsed by Rudy Giuliani when he was mayor of New York City, who believed that addressing small problems, like broken windows and graffiti, can have a positive impact on crime and other big picture challenges.

“If we focus on little things, it helps us address the big things overall,” Hall said.

PBTC President Rick Oldham reminded the group that the city has no money.

“We have to come up with solutions and think outside the box,” he said.

To ensure that the city hears their concerns, attendees identified areas where the town council can act as an advocate for the community. Enforcement was again a major issue. The city needs to help enforce regulations on parking, traffic, and the handbills that often litter the street. Parking was of special concern because illegally parked cars often prevent streets from being swept, attendees said.

Getting city council to pass a proposed oversized vehicle ordnance that would limit the amount of time that recreational vehicles, boats and other large vehicles can park on city streets continues to be one of the town council’s foremost goals.

“We’re here to do what we can,” said Thyme Curtis, who represents Councilman Kevin Faulconer.

Recruiting a variety of businesses to the area is another priority for the town council that plans to offer incentives to woo certain businesses. The council also wants to establish and maintain image standards for local businesses. The council plans to appoint a liaison between Discover Pacific Beach, the local business improvement district (BID), and the town council.

Curtis urges attended with concerns about potholes and street lights to call (619) 527-7500, or to email her at: curtis@sandiego.gov.

The Safe and Beautiful Committee meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Knox Chapel behind Presbyterian Church at 1675 Garnet Avenue.

For more information on starting a Neighborhood Watch group, call the PBTC office at (858) 483-6666.

The PBTC will hold its next general membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library at 4275 Cass Street.
Last week, the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education voted on how it divvies up federal funding earmarked for economically disadvantaged students. Against the recommendations of the superintendent and deputy superintendent of San Diego Unified, as well as the parent committee charged with overseeing the funds, the board, headed by board member Shelia Jackson, voted to cut off such funding to 32 schools with somewhat lower percentages of poverty.

The cut-off coincides with an expected windfall in the funds for San Diego Unified under the federal economic stimulus plan. The district estimates that it will receive an additional $5 million above the $19 million in such federal money received this school year. The new plan means that the larger sum will be spread among a smaller group of schools. Pacific Beach Elementary School (PBE) is directly affected by this decision, which means a reduction in funds of approximately $50,000. Presently, PBE has approximately 51 percent of students who qualify for free or reduced price lunches; that’s more than half of our student population.

These federal funds have been used to hire additional teachers, which benefit all students at the school regardless of economic background. In an already dire fiscal situation, this decision will seriously impact our school. As a parent of two students at PBE, I was shocked and severely disappointed in the school boards’ decision. Loss of these funds will cripple our educational process and affect all students. I am somewhat perplexed that although the board of education unanimously voted to hire Dr. Terry Grier as the superintendent, presumably based on his experience, education and record; they failed to follow his recommendations, or that of the parent advisory committee.
When Stacie Somers learned she had won a ticket to attend the presidential inauguration of Barack Obama in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 20, she knew she would witness history.

“I wanted to be there in person, and be a part of the energy,” Somers said.

While considerable energy and patience was required to navigate the crowds, Somers, a Harvard Law School graduate who works as a research attorney for an appellate court justice, said the experience was incredible.

Somers had entered her name in a free drawing for 198 tickets that U.S. Rep. Susan Davis, D-Calif., was giving to her constituents. She had read about the drawing on the Congresswoman’s website, and, in December, received an email saying she had won a ticket to watch the ceremony from the National Mall.

When Somers arrived in Washington on January 16, the crowds hadn’t assembled yet but preparations for the event were already visible. Obama’s name and image was everywhere, from multi-colored murals to aprons to handmade earrings and jewelry. Even the Metro, D.C.’s subway system, issued tickets with photos of Obama on them.

“Every store had something Obama,” Somers said.

Crowds had grown challenging on the Monday prior to inauguration day, when Somers went to the House of Representatives to pick up her tickets. A condition for winning the tickets was she had to retrieve them in person from Congresswoman Davis’ office. Apparently all congress members had made the same stipulation, as throngs of people waited to retrieve their tickets.

“The lines were nuts,” Somers said. “We stood outside trying to get in for an hour-and-a-half, and it was about 20 degrees. I wasn’t prepared to run into that.”

Finally, Davis’ staff came to find their ticket recipients, and Davis herself walked them through security.

**Ask The Lawyer**

**Question:** What items are on your list to do in the beginning of this year?

**Answer:**

- **Taxes** — Let’s get our taxes prepared by a Certified Public Accountant, if you have other than the EZ tax form. Improve upon your system to keep track of your tax matters for next year.

- **Estate Planning** — I have my documents up to date and all my assets are in the names of my trusts. If you have not prepared for your disability or death, then it is time to do so. It will be more of a problem for your heirs if you do not do any planning. If you have not read them in a long time (2–3 years) it is time to do so. Are your alternate Trustees and Executors appropriate?

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

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

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Until recently, past due annual financial audits had cast a cloud of doubt over the city’s fiscal fitness and left the city with a credit rating that was next to the lowest possible. Since public lenders were willing to lend San Diego the funds to make infrastructural improvements, which include repairing and fixing aging pipes to help prevent breaks and spills, and to help keep our neighborhoods safe and functioning. I also worked with you, the voters and taxpayers of San Diego, to pass Prop C, which established an independent auditor’s office to be the taxpayers’ watchdog, and added volunteer citizen experts to the Audit Committee. These safeguards will help ensure that city government and politicians are more transparent and accountable, and tax dollars are used properly.

In response to these reforms, the rating agencies have upgraded San Diego’s credit rating and opened the door for the city to re-enter the public bond market. It means more can be invested in water and sewer infrastructure to help reduce breaks and spills, more can be invested in our roads and streets to help reduce traffic and more can be invested in our public safety infrastructure so that San Diego is better prepared for the next firestorm.

Refunding the 1999’s bond saves the city more than $8.7 million over the next 12 years, which represents 5.9 percent in net present value savings—which well above the savings targets of 3 percent—and makes even more funds available for investment in our infrastructure.

Now we are entering the annual budget formation process. The city’s budget deficit was caused by decades of mismanagement and has added to the impact of the nation’s overall economic recession. As we begin to review options on how to balance our budget and make our tax dollars go further, I look forward to your creative ideas and input. Our neighborhood, La Jolla and Fortuna and La Playa were posted last week. Why? For three years, Diane Faulds and her neighbors persistently documented accidents. “It’s not a speedway anymore,” said Diane. “All of a sudden, people are paying attention.”

To report speeding or potholes, etc., call Councilman Kevin Faulconer’s office at (619) 236-6622; or email Thyme Curtis at tcurtis@sandiego.gov.

Crown Point Elementary School is threatened with possible closure. S.D. Unified School District reinstated the site as a music magnet in September; attendance has almost doubled, so closure seems premature. To support Crown Point, call school board president Sheldon Jackson at (619) 725-5555 or email sjackson@sandi.net.

The Beach & Bay Press is in full swing. We are working on our Spring-Summer cover PB, needs impact panelists to work with folks who’ve received misdemeanor citations. Instead of going to the county court, officers have expanded an evening session in PB to hear from local residents and police officers; plus work four hours of community service.

The recidivism rate “of 580 cases in 1996, there was one who re-offended,” said Discover PB President Mike McPeak “So since 2006, we’ve seen over 1,400 people who gave approximately 8,000 service hours in PB.” And, added Discover PB President Mike McPeak “This saved the county $50,000 to not go through the county court system.”

Call (858) 273-3401 to volunteer.

PB Graffiti Clean-Up is Saturday, Feb. 7 (See page one). “We are also offering monthly clean ups,” said PB Town Council’s Sue & Beautiful Committee chair, Jerry Hall. “If your service club, church or youth group would like to join us, e-mail me at cleanPB@gmail.com.”

PB Neighborhood Watch boasts over 40 groups in PB, thanks to organizer Marcello Teran.

Last week, my neighbor Bill rang the bell. “I’m reporting that my car was stolen from my driveway last night.” A police car arrived and he left with them. Soon he reconceived – de-...
to her office.

Somers learned she would stand in the “silver area” of the National Mall for the inauguration.

“I think it was the worst section, the farthest away, behind the reflecting pool,” she laughed.

Inauguration day began with a 5 a.m. wake-up call for Somers.

“I didn’t eat or drink because I thought it would be too hard to get up again,” Somers said. She added that every- one was patient, considering the number of people, the cold temperature and the length of time they had to stand and wait.

Somers soon left her friends to find a better angle to shoot photos but soon realized she would not be able to rejoin them until after the inauguration. The crowd was too dense.

“We were shoulder to shoulder but everyone was so friendly, and we all just started talking,” Somers said.

Somers said the crowd cheered for anything that involved the Obamas. As the swearing-in-ceremony approached at noon, a hush fell over the crowd.

“During [Obama’s] speech, there was silence, which is crazy to think about in a crowd like that,” Somers said. “It was amazing. You could feel the weight of it. There was such a renewed sense of pride and patriotism from people throughout the crowd.”

After the event, Somers and her friends decided to skip the Metro and walk the 30 blocks home.

“I was surprised at how quickly it all seemed to go by,” she said.

Back at home, Somers posted her photos online and unpacked her souvenir T-shirt: an image of Presi- dent Obama on a postage stamp.

“It really was an incredible event,” she said. “Thinking about it brings tears to my eyes. Someday I can tell my grandchildren that I was there.”
A bench looks out toward Mission Bay at the corner of Riviera Drive and La Mancha Drive. People will rest on the bench from day-to-day but not all will realize whose life the bench honors.

Friends and family members will gather at that spot on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. to dedicate the bench to Gary Glover, 61, who passed away quickly from lung cancer on Oct. 5th. Everyone is welcomed to share memories about Glover at the dedication.

A local activist, Glover rallied for beach issues. He helped install volleyball courts at Mission Beach. He worked to preserve free parking at the beach that he felt should remain open to families of all incomes. He pushed to ban alcohol on the beach that he believed had come to degrade the quality of life and bring crime to the community.

“He could see right and wrong in an issue but he was most concerned about what was best for the community,” said Glover’s wife, Pam.

Glover served on the Mission Beach Planning Board for the past nine years, which he also chaired for four years. He was a fixture at the election polls at the Mission Beach Women’s Club. Despite all the serious meetings and hard work, Glover is remembered for his gentle, kind temperament. He knew how to have a good time. Glover could often be found at the recreation center, where he dressed as the bunny for Easter and Santa Claus for Christmas. At pancake breakfasts, he was the “the bacon chief.” Glover earned a nickname as “Bubble Man” for waving huge bubbles from a wand on the beach. “He always loved the bay and the beach,” Pam said. “He never grew up.”

Glover was born on Christmas day in 1946 in the backseat of his parents’ car in the middle of San Diego bay as they traveled on the Coronado Ferry. He was raised in Lemon Grove and graduated from Mount Miguel High School. He lived in Mission Beach since 1985, and worked as a builder for the past 25 years.

Pam described her husband as her best friend, soul mate and her strength. “I’ve learned over the last three months that one’s strengths often come from one’s weakest points and Gary’s death forced me to dig for those strengths,” she wrote in memory of her husband.

Glover is survived by his wife, three sons, Gary, Mark and Brad; his daughter Marci; and seven grandchildren.
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Henkel, Chateau Orleans, Feb. 13 and 27

San Diego is fortunate to have a lot of fine blues musicians, but few can touch the artistry of Robin Henkel. Performing at Chateau Orleans on Feb. 13 and 27, Henkel is a virtuoso at all his guitar styles, with an engagingly wry performance style that has kept him a solid draw at venues throughout Southern California for decades. Particularly stunning is his slide guitar work, with a seemingly endless well of classic tunes and authentic sounding music in his repertoire.

The Blokes, Hennessey’s Tavern, Feb. 18

Considering it’s surf and sand, California might seem to be the least likely place for Celtic music to achieve a foothold. However over the past decade, there has been a veritable explosion of Celtic music in the SoCal area-among the areas best known. The Blokes, who perform at Hennessey’s Tavern on Feb. 18, amongst the areas best known. The quartet’s take on traditional Irish folk tunes is never less than rousing, with fiddle and accordion as lead instruments. The Blokes occasionally throw a classic rock ballad, such as RT’s Longboard Grill on Feb. 21. The chance of seeing Matthew’s in a setting this small has been impossible for many years now, but it’s also ironic that a tribute band to his music is now also on the verge of out growing smaller venues.

Adam Gimbel and Cover Me Badd, Cane’s, Feb. 27, 8:45 p.m.

Tribute groups are a dime a dozen these days, but Adam Gimbel and his crew “Cover Me Badd” continue to be true standouts. Always looking for a gimmick in order to stand out, Gimbel can be counted on for humorous takes on his projects and his latest is no exception. On Feb. 27, the band will take to the stage at Cane’s as Geezer, an elderly tribute band dedicated to pop-rockers, Weener. That this pop band is on a seemingly mismatched bill with tribute acts to metal band Pantera and industrial rockers Rage Against The Machine promises to make the show even more surreal.

Benefit for Lorna, Brick-by-Brick, Feb. 21, 8:30 p.m.

On Thanksgiving Day, San Diego lost one of its biggest local music supporters, Lorna Hamilton. For many years she was an integral part of the music community, befriending just about every musician during the eighties and nineties. On Feb. 21, Brick by Brick will host a benefit for Lorna to raise money for her family’s expenses. The show will feature a number of Hamilton’s favorite performers including Mojo Nixon, John Jake Logan, the Farmers, Joey Harris & the Mentals, the Farages and Candye Kane. Highlight of the event will likely be the rare appearance from the Farages, formerly known as eighties indie rockers DFX2, though now performing in roots-rock mode.

Fall in Love with The Shores

This February, we invite you to fall in love with The Shores Restaurant. Dine on tantalizing seasonal menus that are sure to delight your tastebuds as you take in sunset views from our floor to ceiling windows.

Valentine’s Day: February 14, 2009, 5 to 10 p.m.

Three-course menu, $55 per person.

Happy Hour: Monday to Friday, 4 to 6 p.m.

Featuring a Five for $5 cocktail and appetizer menu.

Dinner at Desk Menu: Starting February 15th. Sunday through Thursday, 5 to 10 p.m.

Three-course menu, $25 person.

Chocolate & Bubbles Tasting Menu: Fridays and Saturdays in February (excluding Valentine’s Day). 5 to 10 p.m.

Three-course menu, $25 per person food only, $35 person with wine/champagne pairings.

Marina Shores Residents will receive a 10% discount on special Valentine’s dinner.

During the month of February, The Shores will be featuring Confundido Syrah from Vino in Santa Barbara.

Jazzilla, Turquoise Café, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m. – 1 a.m.

With a band name like Jazzilla, there is little doubt to what a group’s musical inclinations might be. In this case, Jazzilla, who appear at the Turquoise Café on Feb. 27, really is a monster, taking in numerous influences including Latin, Swing and even funk. The end result is a sound that’s heavy on the rhythm but still keeps its jazz roots. Their set list is a mix of originals and chestnuts such as “Take The A Train,” with their debut album set for release later this year. The group has a rotating membership, but whichever lineup takes part in their show, the end result is always well worth hearing.

Jazzilla will perform at the Turquoise Café on Feb. 27.

Fun, Funky & often useful facts

Where’s the Gorilla?
The huge inflatable Fitness Mart mascot gorilla, a landmark sight along I-5 (near Costo), is missing (temporarily during rush week) soon to be replaced at $10,000. Yup that’s right 10 grand! Fitness Mart (6535 Santa Fe Rd., 858-398-6565) offers an easy left trail of bananas hoping to coax the gorilla home, so look out there...keep watching for his return.

Valentine Sweet Treats
Special pink homemade ice creams, maybe watermelon, maybe champagne, etc. check it out at ‘Blaze’ Grill, 865 Turquoise, 858-488-2529.

Ressiction Special, Dine in Only
Same terrific $5 specials Mon-Thurs. from 4pm are dine in only. All regular menu items are your choice dine in or take out, fast service call ahead 858-274-4172. Latitude 32, 2019 Cass.

North PB Restaurant Walk
Friends of PB Schools fundraiser, Wed., 2-7, 5-9pm. Tickets $15, businesses can buy out 12 in for $150, call 619-276-7333.

Playtime Around Fun
From sand boxes to gigantic play structures, outdoor play just got bigger fun, Jeff Carlson emphasizes “safety first” at Playground Warehouse, 5555 Santa Fe Rd., 858-274-4388.

P B Woman’s Club Feb. Events All Welcome
Feb. 4—Clubhouse monthly meeting, Skin Care Demonstration.
Feb. 10—Stand up for kids hygiene items collected, medical preparation and delivery.
Feb. 19—5-9pm, $10a Fundraisers, Peninsula Club 71, 1/2 proceeds to PWAC.
Feb. 22—5p.m, Ladies Dine Out at Good Time Charlies, 910 Grand.
Feb. 25—BUKN03, 7pm at Clubhouse.
Meet this fun group intent on helping the community Clubhouse $721, prominent, Jody Ross Pres., 819-838-9299.

Canteen Specials
VFW Post 5985
853 Turquoise, 858-488-3671
Thursdays 5:30-7:30pm, Sun 9am-11am, $5 FW Breakfast
Tues.2/17,10,25 tacos Fri.2/13,31, Mix & Match
Sun.215, $6 Ketos & Omlets
Tues.2/17, $2 Mini-Burgers
Fri.2/27 Park Choppy
Sun.2/22, $5 FW Breakfast
Tues.2/24,$1.25 Tacos
Feb.27,25 Fish & Chips
Secret Garden, H&G Show
Brian Costello of La Jolla Pools (soon to be named Pacific Paradise) is lending his talents to the “Secret Garden’s” area at the Spring Home & Garden show, Del Mar Fair Grounds, Feb 27 & 28. See Brian in the Fun House at the fairgrounds just to the right of the entrance and daily at La Jolla Pools, 4937 Cass, 858-483-4500.

American Pig Brands
Going to Online Sales
APB the colorful beach/street wear business featuring mascot Barbie-Q is giving up their store front and concentrating online sales (apbclothing@gmail.com). Feb. 22 is slated as the last day, hustle on down to the last sale! Miss Milly’s, P.B. 858-483-7437.

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Ivy Thai Cuisine
A new experience in delicious, healthy, authentic Thai cuisine. The extensive menu items are always fresh with all natural ingredients (no MSG added.)

Dirty Birds
With a relaxing atmosphere serving only excellent quality food, where locals will want to hang out. Customers claim the burgers are the best in San Diego, selections include the more exotic ostrich and stuffed burgers and fresh daily tuna selections and don’t forget our great wings with incredible Dirty Bird’s sauces. Happy hour Mon. through Fri. 3 to 6 p.m., featuring half price pitchers of $1 off beers, mugs and wine, also open for breakfast every day until 1 p.m., and catch all football games with NFL Sunday Ticket, ESPN Game Plan and The Big 10 Network on large Hi-definition TV’s.

Shore Club
Steps from the beach, at the intersection of Grand Avenue and the Strand, Pacific Beach Shore Club is your next classic styled beach bar. By combining the delicious tastes of the sea, prepared with classic Mexican flair, our casual ambiance of a beachfront party will be your destination to take in the California sun culture. Enjoying the biggest, classic schooner full of beer that the beach can offer or enjoy the best view of the Pacific Ocean on the entire beach. The Pacific Beach Shore Club will provide you with the perfect setting for the ultimate beach dining and drinking experience. Bring back the days when sailing was your job and the beach was your home.

Hooters
Offers great food, great service, and fun. There is a beautiful view of the ocean whether you are enjoying the friendly atmosphere in the dining room or relaxing on our rooftop patio. Hooters is great place to watch all of your football action proving most college games on Saturday, and all NFL games on Sunday, in addition to great beer specials. We also provide an awesome happy hour 3-6 Monday - Friday with ½ price appetizers $2.25 pints and $9 of domestic pitches, and $3 well drinks.

Saska’s
Saska’s Steak & Seafood offers a distinctive dining experience in a quaint, intimate atmosphere. Steaks have always been the main draw to our restaurant by the beach. The menu, expertly cooked “Duke” steaks is one of the most delicious in all of San Diego. Offering an engaging variety of fresh seafood entrées and a great selection of pastas. Saska’s is a premier destination for a relaxing Weekend Brunch by the beach. A full bar, lunch, dinner and late night dining makes Saska’s Steak & Seafood an essential stop for your dining out pleasure.

The French Gourmet
Our Zagat-rated restaurant serves California influenced French cuisine in a quaint country-trydine environment. We are a long-time favorite of locals who appreciate the value of the menu and the extensive wine list, created by Master Sommelier Gino Campbell. Ask about hosting your private party here. Breakfast and Lunch served daily; Dinner Tues-Sat.

The Broken Yolk Café
Offers a large selection of home cooked meals in a comfortable and casual atmosphere. There are over 20 different omelets to choose from as well as a wide variety of other breakfast favorites which include pancakes, waffles and French toast.

The Eggery
The Eggery is hard to beat with our quaint country-style setting, a wide range of Breakfast and Lunch choices, generous portions, reasonable prices and a location just steps from the ocean. Choose from fluffy Homemade Pancakes, Belgian-Style Fresh Fruit Waffles, or fine varieties of Egg Benedict. Enjoy Patio dining, where casual dress is the norm. Champagne, Mimosa’s, Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers (fresh juice of course) plus a full Espresso Bar are also available. Abundant validated parking.

Roppongi Restaurant & Sushi Bar
Conveniently located on Prospect Street, it’s obvious why Roppongi is Zagat rated “One of the World’s Top Restaurants.” Spend relaxing evening dining outlives around the fire pit, cozy up next to the indoor fireplace and aquarium, indulge in the sushi bar or people watch from their covered/dotted patio.
Reverie Happy Hour
7pm to close
Open to close – any beer plus any shot = $7.10

Happy Hour
1pm to 7:15pm / Game Night
$1.75 Drafts & Cars

Nightly Specials:
1/2 Off Wings

Happy Hour
1pm to 7:15pm / Line music
3pm to close (710bc.com for show info)

Nightly Specials:
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans
Homemade Meatloaf,
$5 Recession Special 4-10pm*

Daily Specials:
Mon–Fri Beer Clock Starts 11am @ $1.75 until 3pm @ $2.75, also Happy Hour 3–6pm.

Nightly Specials:
1/2 off Appetizers

Nightly Specials:
Top Chef/Project Runway in high def
1/2 off bottles of wine
ALL NIGHT

Nightly Specials:
$3 drafts, wings and bottled beers

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**Sports**

**Buick Invitational swings into action**

Dr. Dave Thomas / Buick & Re Press

The attention of the golfing world turns to San Diego next week for the Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines Golf Course, slated for Feb. 5 through 8.

The event kicks off with practice rounds on Monday, Feb. 2, and Tuesday, Feb. 3, followed by first-day play on Thursday. Play continues through Sunday, with the final round slated to kick off Feb. 8 at 8:30 a.m.

Golfing fans are mostly asking if Tiger Woods, who captured the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines last summer, will make it home.

Woods, who has won five of the last six Buick Invitational tourneys in San Diego, has not played since the U.S. Open last summer due to knee surgery. While Woods could defend his title, he has until tomorrow, Jan. 30, to let tournament officials know if he has played in any events since his surgery, but he is back to a regular practice schedule.

The PGA stop in La Jolla follows action last weekend at the Bob Hope Classic in La Quinta, where Pat Perez captured his first PGA Tour victory, winning by three shots.

**Marathon**

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needs to take a break during the wedding marathon, he has associates there to rotate with him.

The reverend foresees the day going by quickly.

"Everybody brings a different story to the table, and no two are exactly the same," he said. "It will make for a lovely day."

The winners will receive a one-of-a-kind ceremony that will include a chaplain, decorative flowers placed throughout the restored chapel and the traditional wedding march played on the chapel’s pipe organ by professional organists. A wedding reception will follow for the couples at the donation of nearby restaurants like Panera Bread & Bakery, Sammy’s Woodfire Pizza and Solare Restaurant & Lounge.

The North Chapel can seat up to 200 friends and family members coming to support and take part in the joyous ceremonies.

The chapel’s architecture is in the Spanish Colonial Revival-style, and was ambitiously restored at a cost of $1.35 million and reopened in 2007 by C.W. Clark, Inc., a La Jolla Based real estate development company.

There are 14 stained glass windows inside the chapel are all nautical themed.

The two-story, non-denominational chapel was originally built in 1942 and used primarily by the San Diego Naval Training Center. The Chapel was closed by the Navy in 1997 along with numerous other military buildings, and sat vacant until the restoration.

To take part in these “lucky in love” ceremonies, come to the North Chapel at Liberty Station starting at 9 a.m.

For more information, visit www.thenorthchapel.com.

**Beer**

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Ray Young, from Ontario, Ca., was visiting the park with his family when he heard about the end of the free-beer era for the Anheuser-Busch parks.

“I think it’s sad,” Young said. “It must be the new owners.”

While Young refers to the merger of Anheuser-Busch and Belgium brewing company InBev, that was announced last year. SeaWorld representatives deny the merger has anything to do with the end of free beer.

Others chose to take advantage of the remaining days of free beer at the amusement park.

A few weeks before the change, San Diego resident Cindy Gray, 54, and friend Bruce Walker, 55, from Washington state, toasted to the last days of free beer at the park. They hoped to make good memories last.

After learning of the decision, Walker said he planned to take advantage of every chance.

“We’ll be here for the next 15 days then,” Walker said.

Parks where the free beer flows no more include SeaWorlds in Florida, Texas and California. The corporation also runs Busch Gardens Europe, Water Country USA and Adventure Island in Tampa, Florida. Anheuser-Busch InBev distributes about 200 different brands of beer, including the flagship Budweiser, Stella Artois and Beck’s.

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