Red Sails Inn is gone, but Jack Davis’ legend lives on

By KAREN SCANLON | The Beacon

The closing of the restaurant Red Sails Inn on Sept. 1 was a notable alteration along Byron Street mole, which connected the mainland to the unlovely shoal that would become Shelter Island. Entrepreneur Jack Allen Davis Jr. opened Red Sails Inn on Jan. 27, 1957. But his adventurous influence was felt elsewhere as San Diego’s island playground began to take shape.

The original 1930s Red Sails Inn had been located on the old Fisherman’s Wharf at the foot of Market and G streets. Jack’s parents enjoyed a friendship with its founder, Joe Viery. Thus the sentiment for the $1 Jack paid to the city for rights to the restaurant’s name.

“I got started in 1942 as a teenager with a boat rental business out on ‘Sandy Point’ off Qualtrough Street, kinda boot-leggin’ it on the waterfront,” Jack said in a 2003 interview. “I built a small dock out of driftwood and gave people rides in my speed boat for a fee.” To his advantage, Jack’s mother was a cousin of San Diego’s harbor master, Joe Brennan.

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Murder trial for Burke in OB killing

By NEAL PUTNAM | The Beacon

An Ocean Beach man shot his female roommate’s boyfriend to death after the man sent him angry text messages in response to an earlier insult, according to testimony Monday in the preliminary hearing.

Eleven witnesses testified about events involving the June 22 fatal shooting of Jess Matthew Robles, 34, of Pacific Beach, by Thomas Francis Burke, 33, at the front door of Burke’s condominium unit at 4177 Voltaire St. around 11 p.m.

Burke, who was known by the nickname of T.J., was ordered to stand trial for murder by San Diego Superior Court Judge Jay Bloom, who declined to lower his $4 million bail.

Burke will next appear in court Nov. 28 and he has pleaded not guilty.

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Chomp-A-Chump chew toy inspired by Trump

By Dave Schwab | The Beacon

Josh Morse, a 24-year-old Point Loma High grad and first-year law student, has found a creative way to help pay for law school marketing his new Donald Trump parody dog chew toy, Chomp-A-Chump.

Actually, Morse gives credit to his Australian Shepherd rescue, Cody, for giving him the idea for creating Chomp-A-Chump.

“I was watching the Republican debate with Cody about a year ago, and Trump said something about one of the other candidates,” said Morse. “Cody began growling and rag dolling his toy while staring intently at Trump. Every time I’d turn the volume up, Cody would grab his toy and start shaking it violently side-to-side. It was one of the funniest things I’d ever seen, and kind of sparked the idea.”

Noting he’s “not much of a designer,” Morse nonetheless thought it would be a fun project to follow-up on. He consulted some tutorials on YouTube and, along with the help of some tech-savvy friends, was able to create some designs for a prototype for the new dog-chew toy.

Morse’s next step was to find a manufacturer to make the new comedic product, which turned out to be more challenging yet.

“Time was ticking and I didn’t realize finding a manufacturer would take as long as it did,” he said adding it was a real “learning experience.”

“It’s so hard for a small business to find someone to make your stuff in America,” said Morse, a full-time law student with little leftover time. Finally, he found the perfect manufacturer in China. So he ordered an initial batch of 1,000 Chomp-A-Chumps.

“I sold 200 dog toys in the first four hours, and 1,000 in 23 days, mostly just by word of mouth.” Morse said. “It was the best reaction. The toy is so fun, a symbol of so much ridiculousness — people just want it.”

Finding an overseas manufacturer had the extra-added advantage of keeping the price of the dog chew down, he said, noting people aren’t willing to pay much more than about $20 for such a novelty item.

The budding entrepreneur has also pledged to donate Chomp-A-Chump pull-toys to benefit animals in local shelters.

Morse himself has an interesting story to relate. At age 12, he found himself homeless.

“My mom, two sisters and I moved around a lot,” Morse said. “We lived out of our car and a little mobile home,” he said adding, “I decided to run away and started staying with friends of mine sleeping on their couches, etc.”

Morse credits staying in school in large measure for his ability to turn his life around from difficult circumstances.

“School, education, was my foundation,” he said. “I had control of my future.”

Morse has gotten a new brain-storm for another dog chew toy featuring an equally controversial politician.

“I’m making a Hillary (Clinton) toy,” he said adding, “I don’t want to be (politically) biased. It’s going to be (politically) biased. It’s going to be (politically) biased. It’s going to be (politically) biased.”

For more information, or to buy a Chomp-A-Chump chew toy, visit www.chompachump.com.
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Point Loma Association celebrates achievements at annual fundraiser

Point Loma Association’s (PLA) 2016 Visions of Point Loma event Oct. 6 delivered on its promise of continued community improvement while raising close to $35,000 for future neighborhood projects.

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Adventures to Valle de Guadalupe from Point Loma eatery

Determined to share the magic and charm of Baja’s wineries in the crisp fall air, The Wine Pub announces its next all-inclusive, VIP tour across the border on Saturday, Nov. 12. Guests will depart from The Wine Pub in Point Loma for the cross-border journey in mini buses.

The tour will stop first in Tijuana for cuisine at Tortas Washmoble, followed by tastings at Las Nubes and Santo Tomás Winery. The excursion will end with a wine-and-dinner pairing at Tradomita Cocina at Lomita. Reservations are required and available at thewinepubsd.com.

Wine connoisseur and Baja California expert, Fernando Gaxiola, will guide the tour using his insight into the region’s rich history of wine-makers and family-owned vineyards.

Nancy Peckham wins an outstanding auction item at the annual PLA dinner.

PLA Chair Clark Anthony noted the group is a non-profit comprised of volunteers committed to enhancing the quality of life in the Peninsula of San Diego advocating beautification, education, communication, charitable activities and civic collaboration.

Anthony said PLA’s mission statement is “a living document being massaged now and then as our priorities and goals shift.”

“We are thrilled and thankful for the success of our most recent dinner gala,” Anthony added. “The money raised at that annual event, plus the dues from hundreds of family and business members, generate funds for our volunteer organization to keep working. When we embark on new, large projects, we rely on major private donations and grants from the City and the County—appropriate because we are beautifying public land.”

Anthony pointed out year-round maintenance of its projects in public spaces is expensive.

“That’s where dinner funds and membership dues kick in with watering, planting, pruning, mulching, repairing irrigation, hiring professionals to trim palm trees—that’s where the money goes,” he said.

Immediate past PLA president Robert Tripp Jackson said plans are under way to transform a median near Point Loma High School in the memory of late teacher Kevin Gormly, who succumbed to cancer recently at age 51.

“It would be nice to do something for him, and we’re looking into maybe laying some tile and other work in conjunction with one of the classes, kind of a contribution to his (Gormly’s) tenure at PLHS,” Jackson said.

PLA board member Cecilia Carrick pointed out the group is engaged on a number of civic fronts.

“PLA has a small committee of volunteers (Dick Lareau, Byron Wear, Kerri de Rosler, Ned Daugherty and myself) that has been evaluating several prominent local artists in order to commission a public art piece for the Nimitz Boulevard between the Famosa Bridge and West Point Loma Boulevard,” she said. “We are now in the process of running our short list of six artists with Christine Jones, City of SD Commission for Arts and Culture. As soon as the Commission vets the artists, we plan to present several different artist concepts to the Peninsula community for their input.”

Carrick noted 22 local businesses and groups are also now involved with PLA’s Welcome Home Squadron 11 Banner program to create welcome home banners for the submariners returning from lengthy deployments.

She added new business supporters continue to join the program, ordering banners to display. The most recent to join the fold are West Side Tap House and Tech Outfitters.

“According to several Navy commanders, they know of no other communities that have undertaken such a direct and creative expression of support and appreciation of their locally based sailors,” Carrick said.

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Ocean Beach, Point Loma residents honored as hometown heroes

By DAVE SCHWARZ | THE BEACON

In what's become an annual tradition, The Wine Pub in Point Loma has awarded Peninsula for their public service labeling them “homegrown community heroes.”

The Wine Pub at 2907 Shelter Island Drive has dedicated its seventh anniversary to these community-nominated heroes:

Devon Lantry
- Obecian Devon Lantry, for trailblazing a web of community gardens where he works and lives. When he isn’t telling inspiring stories of local nonprofits and businesses, he is growing all types of vegetables to provide free food to the needy, inspiring others to create community gardens.

Nicole Burgess
- Obecian Nicole Burgess, for her commitment to making the community a bike and pedestrian haven. She has striven to improve roads for people to take to leave for a few days.

Staci McAteer
- Obecian Staci McAteer, for opening her home and building relationships with everyone around her. She’s been instrumental in organizing the local Buy Nothing Project, where neighbors connect through a gift economy, and hosts Friday Family Meals at her house to gather the community and cultivate local friendships.

Tony Jeffreys
- Point Loman Tony Jeffreys, for dedicating his life to keeping Point Loma safe, having spent decades working for the San Diego Fire Department in Point Loma at Station 22.

“Celebrating our anniversary only seems right when honoring the heroes that make this community a desirable place to live, work and play,” said Sandy Hanshaw, owner of The Wine Pub. “We love this neighborhood because it’s full of folks that fly under the radar, quietly making our lives easier and our community better.”

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A motion by City Council President Sherri Lightner, which some feel would have largely banned short-term vacation rentals in single-family neighborhoods, was defeated by a 7-2 vote on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

An alternative motion brought by Councilmember Todd Gloria was then passed by the same 7-2 margin. Lightner of Council District 1 and Lorie Zapf of Council District 2 cast the dissenting votes on both motions.

Gloria's countermotion requested city staff do a fiscal analysis to determine the cost of greater short-term vacation rentals (STVR) and regulating STVRs, as well as remanding the matter back to the Council's Smart Growth and Land Use Committee for further consideration.

Under Lightner's proposal, a renter or owner of single-family homes could not have rented out a room or space for less than seven days without proper permitting.

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"The law is hopelessly vague and doesn't address short-term or owner-occupied rentals," Goldsmith said. "Nor does it delve into the legal basis for having them."

Noting "a little bit of policy direction would help," Goldsmith offered several options for the City Council to consider moving forward that included leaving STVRs as they are, having the City Council give some direction as to how they might be better enforced or banning them all together in residential neighborhoods and asking his office to prosecute all problematic cases. After the vote, Zapf noted the wide disparity of viewpoints on the Council adding "owner-occupied and home sharing will likely be the fastest and easiest aspect to reach consensus on."

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Major upgrades coming for Shelter Island boat launch

The Board of Port Commissioners approved issuance of an appealable Coastal Development Permit for the Shelter Island Boat Launch Facility Improvements Project at its Oct. 13 board meeting.

The issuance of the Coastal Development Permit is a key milestone as the Port prepares the project for construction. The next steps include receiving approval of an Army Corps of Engineers permit and advertising for bids for contractors to perform the construction.

The Shelter Island Boat Launch Facility is a free public boat launch facility that was originally constructed in the 1950s and underwent upgrades in 1976 and 2005. Currently it services approximately 50,000 launches per year and is believed to be the busiest boat launch in California.

Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2017 and take approximately 10 months to complete.

The project will demolish and replace the existing 10-lane boat launch ramp and expand the interior of the facility by removing the rock revetment jetty and replacing it with a breakwater wall.

The project will also construct public walking platforms with viewing areas that will be located on top of the breakwater walls.

Additional project elements include replacing the existing docks and gangways, improving the kayak launch area, major grading of the beach area to restore it to its pre-construction profile, improvements to the restroom, installation of signage, lighting and other associated improvements.

The docks and public walkways will be updated to comply with current safety and Americans with Disabilities accessibility requirements. As part of the environmental mitigation for this project, more than 600 square feet of eelgrass will also be planted inside the basin.

The Port will be conducting public outreach to communicate to the public about the project's components, duration and location of additional launch ramps in San Diego Bay and Mission Bay.

Updated information on the project can be found on the Shelter Island Boat Launch Ramp Facility Improvement Project at portofsandiego.org.

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Jim Krause Memorial Charity Bicycle Ride set for Saturday

The Point Loma Rotary Club and Moment Bicycles invite you to “ride the hidden, unrecorded, and forbidden Point Loma” in the fourth annual Jim Krause Memorial Charity Bicycle Ride on Nov. 12. The ride will start and end at Liberty Station and traverse exclusive scenic bike paths and routes around beautiful San Diego.

Participation is limited to the first 500 registrants – space is currently limited – visit www.RideThePoint.org to sign up and learn more about Ride the Point’s mission to support innovative pancreatic cancer research. There is an after-ride free healthy lifestyle expo at Oggi’s that is open to the public.

Jim Krause was an esteemed philanthropist, avid cyclist, and long-time Point Loma resident who lost his battle with pancreatic cancer in 2012. Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer-related deaths and the scientific community in San Diego is rapidly advancing research to find a cure. Ride the Point is pleased to partner with the UCSD Moores Cancer Center to fund research that will enhance the knowledge of pancreatic cancer and introduce new technologies for improved treatments for pancreatic cancer.

The 10 mile is a relatively flat course on bike paths in Liberty Station, Spanish Landing, and Harbor Island along beautiful San Diego Bay and is perfect for cruisers, beginning riders, challenged athletes, and families. The 25 and 62 mile are street rides with exclusive routes and challenging climbs around Cabrillo National Monument, Sunset Cliffs, Ocean Beach, Mission Bay, Mission Valley, and Mission Gorge. The ride will also include “King of the Mountain” and “Queen of the Mountain” time trials from the Point Loma tide pools. For more information on Ride the Point, visit www.RideThePoint.org.

During the 2012 ride, the Point Loma resident who lost his battle with pancreatic cancer was also a 3-7 team that defeated them 21-8 Aug. 26 in Oceanside. As the higher-seeded team, the Pointers earned home-field advantage, but the game will be played at Clairemont because CIF requires all playoff games to be 7 p.m. kickoffs.

"I like this rematch," said Pointer head coach Mike Hastings. "We turned the ball over five times, twice in the red zone, in our first meeting. Our kids are excited to play them again and get the W."

And if they grab that W tonight, the Pointers will face St. Augustine, the team that defeated them in the final regular game of the season last Friday afternoon.

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After a brutal 10-game schedule including three Top 10 county teams, two previous foes stand directly in front of the Point Loma Pointers’ playoff chances.

In a ironic twist, the Pointers, who finished 4-6, have a chance for a “do-over” tonight (Nov. 10) at Clairemont High where they open CIF Div. I playoff against the same team that defeated them in the season opener.

The Pointers (No. 7 seed out of 12 teams) will face No. 10 seed El Camino, a 3-7 team that defeated them 21-8 Aug. 26 in Oceanside. As the higher-seeded team, the Pointers earned home-field advantage, but the game will be played at Clairemont because CIF requires all playoff games to be 7 p.m. kickoffs.

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Homecoming at Point Loma
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Bake gluten-free with The Good Scone

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Now you can have your cake — and eat it too — thanks to Tricia Fages.

The 26-year-old teacher-turned-baker, who lives in Point Loma, has made a successful transition from previously running a Riverside County wedding cake and dessert company to creating The Good Scone Baking Co. specializing in gluten-free, vegan-friendly baking mixes and products throughout San Diego.

A scone is a single-serving quick bread, usually made of wheat, barley or oatmeal with baking powder as a leavening agent and baked on sheet pans. A scone is often lightly sweetened and occasionally glazed.

Fages talked about her business' transformation.

"I was living in Temecula and went to school to become a teacher and I got started in the pastry world with a job on the side making wedding cakes and specialty desserts on weekends, and I would bring my cakes in to my students and they loved them," she said.

"I fell in love with the business side of cakes and pastries, and my husband and I took a leap of faith and I took a leave of absence from teaching to start a wedding cake and specialty dessert business called Cupcake Crush."

Fages noted her new business became more specialized after she noticed the preponderance of food allergies that existed amongst the general population, everything from gluten — and soy — to dairy allergies.

So the Fages began addressing their customers' needs via changing up the ingredients they used in their recipes. Tricia said the challenge soon became how to make hypoallergenic recipes that tasted good.

"Products on the market that were already gluten- and allergy-free did not taste good to me and/or the texture, which is very important in food, was not there," she said. "We needed to create some new recipes that really tasted good, and were also affordable. That's when I came up with The Good Scone."

The Good Scone offers gluten-free vanilla and chocolate cake mixes along with a gluten-free, all-purpose flour. Recipes include items like vegan-friendly raspberry scones as well as biscuits, breads, cakes, waffles, cookie bars, desserts, muffins, pies, pizzas, frostings and other savory dishes.

Fages said she knew she was on the right track when she won a couple of baking contests in Temecula. "We won first place the first year, and second place the next," she said adding that's just about the time Cupcake Crush began to morph into The Good Scone.

"We do not have a storefront," noted Fages adding, "We have a certified organic, gluten- and dairy-free manufacturer in Vista."

The vegan baker noted they came up with the recipes and packaging for the products which are then sold to retailers and, more recently, are also available online on Amazon, just in time for the holidays.

"The beauty of it is you can go online to our website, www.thegoodscone.com, and order," Fages said pointing out The Good Scone's products are also "versatile."

"You can use Grandma Rosie's favorite cookie recipe, and substitute our flour to now make it gluten-free," she said.

Fages noted the food industry is "really taking off with gluten-, dairy- and soy-free vegan food," adding "we have mastered the art of making healthy food products."

The Good Scone's products are also sold countywide at select grocery outlets as well as on its website and the Amazon website.

"We're hoping to sign up for Amazon Prime," said Fages of future plans. "We would really like to expand to more cake mixes."

But for now, Fages said The Good Scone is content to "just get good doing gluten- and allergy-free products and recipes letting customers know they don't have to compromise taste" to eat healthier.

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50 years of memories at Valley View Casino Center

Sports arena home to NBA and AHL teams, also major concerts

Formerly known as the San Diego Sports Arena and the iPayOne Center, the iconic Valley View Casino Center San Diego is poised to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its opening on Nov. 17, 1966.

Located on Sports Arena Boulevard in the Midway District, the indoor arena has hosted many of the top names in the worlds of sports and entertainment including the first bout between Muhammad Ali and former Marine and San Diego resident Ken Norton on March 1, 1973. In that fight, Norton won a 12-round split decision, and broke Ali’s jaw to become the North American Boxing Federation heavyweight champion.

“There is no other building in San Diego with such a rich history that is as active in sports and entertainment and is still around,” said Ernie Hahn, general manager of Arena Group 2000, which between 1992 and 2008 was the primary operator of the facility. “But certainly, after 50 years, to have a building like this that’s still doing 140 events per year, and can showcase such a rich history that nobody else has makes us extremely proud and excited for everybody in San Diego.”

Hahn said that a sampling of artists who have performed in the arena include: The Rolling Stones, Jimi Hendrix, Elvis Presley, Ike & Tina Turner, David Bowie, Pink Floyd, Pearl Jam, Nirvana, The Doors, Eric Clapton, Van Halen, The Who, Garth Brooks, Janice Joplin, Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd.

“Many people have seen their first major show or event here,” Hahn said. “Everybody in modern day history you can think of except for the Beatles has played in the building, and the list goes on and on and we’re really proud of that.”

In 2008, AEG Facilities Inc. acquired a controlling interest in the 67-acre, city-owned site from Arena Group 2000. AEG, a subsidiary of the privately held Anschutz Corp., is one of the leading sports and entertainment presenters worldwide.

“It’s always been a fun place, but we’ve put in the creature comforts and amenities to give everybody a 2016 experience in a building that was built in 1966,” Hahn said. “Every aspect of the building is better than you would have remembered it going back 50 years.”

Hahn said that since 2008, AEG has infused more than $7 million into the building. He added that the facility has never run as well as it has in the 25 years he’s been working there.

“We truly are proud and honored to be part of the San Diego community at the Valley View Casino Center,” said Bob Newman, facilities president for AEG. “There are not many arenas in the world that are 50 years old, and the list is even shorter with those that are 50 years old and having their best years ever.”

Newman called San Diego a proven and passionate sports and entertainment market that has matured by leaps and bounds, and that at some point will demand a new venue since the current one has outlived its useful life. He added that a new venue in the right location will bring new sports and music events from markets that do not currently visit San Diego.

“We recognize that there is a definite need for a next-generation facility in the market, and the community will be absolutely engaged in that decision,” Newman said. “For now, AEG is excited to be part of figuring out what that vision will be for the future, what it may serve, where it may serve and what it may look like.”

Hahn said that a plan for a new arena to be built in the year 2000 had been created, and Arena 2000 was working with the city of San Diego on developing land where the ballpark lot near Petco Park exists today, but funding for the project fell short by $35 million.

In June, it was reported that AEG was asked to be a partner by San Diego development firm OliverM-CMillan, to submit plans to the San Diego Unified Port District to replace the 70-acre Seaport Village, whose lease expires in 2018.

Built by the late Bob Breitbard, a former Hoover High School and San Diego State College football coach for $6.4 million, the arena’s first tenant was the San Diego Gulls of the Western Hockey League. From 1967 to 1971, the San Diego Rockets of the NBA called the arena home.

According to Hahn, since 1980, Kobey’s Swap meet, San Diego’s largest outdoor flea market operating on 20 acres within the arena’s parking lot, has been one of the primary and longest-running tenants.

Hahn said that a yearlong celebration to thank the 40-plus million people who have come through the doors of the building is planned starting with a kickoff event on Nov. 17. Guests will include partners, players of the past and patrons.

For more information on the arena, visit valleyviewcasinoscenter.com.
Lace up your skates and glide into the Yuletide as Fantasy on Ice outdoor ice rink kicks off its second year at Liberty Station on Thursday, Nov. 17. Located behind the Dick Laub NTC Command Center at 2640 Historic Decatur Road, the rink has raised more than $1 million for the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Rady Children’s Hospital, and is the only holiday rink in San Diego where 100 percent of proceeds directly benefit the nonprofit.

Fantasy on Ice officially opens with live performances from San Diego's best ice-bound talents and will remain open to the public through Jan. 8, giving a North Pole makeover to Liberty Station's historic barracks and plazas.

Tree lighting
Light up the season during Liberty Station's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30. Grab blankets and folding chairs and nab a seat on the lawn underneath the neighborhood's historic 100-foot Norfolk pine.

Enjoy a display of thousands of twinkling lights and colorful ornaments while the kiddos rock around the tree to the tunes of the Matt Smith New Jazz Trio. Santa will be roaming around as well, greeting well-wishers and spreading holiday joy.

New this year, a European-style Holiday Pop-Up Market featuring local eateries and shops will set up around the tree, inviting patrons to grab a bite, some sips and a few gift-able goodies. Participants include Moniker General, Buona Forchetta, Venissimo Cheese, The LOT, Comicaze, Liberty Public Market's Pasta Design and more. With an obstacle course courtesy of Kid Ventures, parents can let the kids loose while they relax and take in the wonders of the season.

As the clock strikes 6 p.m., gather around to countdown the official tree lighting, lead by an Honored Patient Family from charity partner Rady Children’s Hospital. Liberty Station will also be hosting a toy drive for the hospital, and encourages visitors to bring an unwrapped toy to be distributed to some of the hospital’s most in-need patients.

Friday Night Liberty
Experience everything Liberty Station’s new Arts District has to offer as artists and tenants take a creative approach to gift giving through a Friday Night Liberty December themed “Holiday Gifts with a Creative Twist” from 5 to 9 p.m. Mingle with the artists in the open-air promenade and shop for uniquely crafted handmade gifts from local craftsmen.

Visitors can start their stroll at the Information Desk in the Dick Laub NTC Command Center at 2640 Historic Decatur Road to pick up a monthly program and district map. The evening of holiday celebrations is complete with visits to museums and galleries, alongside live dance, theatre, and musical performances.

Holiday Block Party
The halls will be decked with boughs of holly to ring in Liberty Station's second annual Holiday Block Party, taking place 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. Fill your belly with holiday cheer as the neighborhood’s unique eateries and artist studios pull out all the stops for Santa’s sleigh.

Keeping their doors open late, galleries such as M Fishbeck Studio Gallery and Pachis Art Studio for Kids will be hosting pop-up shops and special gifts with purchase, while neighborhood restaurants including Solare, Fireside by the Patio, Liberty Public Market and more will be serving special complimentary bites.

Singalong with the merry carolers from Recreational Music Center, and soak up the best of the holidays with ice skating, kid-friendly activities and good friends.

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Dana Middle School student Ashley Carter is a bit precocious. Which seems fitting for a 10-year-old who just took second place in a TV cooking show and is an aspiring chef.

Carter recently competed on “Chopped Junior,” a reality-based cooking TV show series pitting four adolescent chefs ages 9 to 15 against each other vying for a chance to win $10,000.

“I really have had a love of cooking for a really long time,” said Carter. “There’s a photo of me at age 3 in the kitchen. But it wasn’t until a couple years ago that I actually started cooking.”

Asked what her chef’s special is, Carter replied, “I like to cook all sorts of things, like minced cauliflower.”

The chef-to-be also has another favorite dish she relishes preparing. “I have a clams and mussel dish I like to make for my dad,” she said, noting “this can be your signature dish if you want.”

Of her delightful seafood recipe, Carter said, “It has a variety of ingredients from jalapenos to tomatoes with wine and all sorts of really yummy ingredients integrated into it.”

Carter noted she had to travel to New York City to compete on “Chopped Junior,” which proved to be a time-intensive undertaking. The challenge for “Chopped” contestants like Carter is to take a mystery basket of ingredients and turn them into a dish that is judged on its creativity, presentation and taste. In each round, the youthful chefs are given a basket containing between three and five ingredients, and the dish each competitor prepares must use each ingredient in some way. The ingredients are often not commonly prepared together. The competitors are given access to a fully stocked pantry and refrigerator.

The young competitors are given 20 minutes for the appetizer round, with entrée and dessert rounds each lasting 30 minutes. The dishes prepared by the competitors are critiqued by a panel of judges, who decide which chef is “chopped,” eliminated from the competition. The winner receives $10,000 and a highly coveted chef’s coat.

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National Franchise, Splash and Dash Groomerie & Boutique in new open in Point Loma

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The dishes prepared by the competitors are critiqued by a panel of judges, who decide which chef is “chopped,” eliminated from the competition. The winner receives $10,000 and a highly coveted chef’s coat.

“My dream is to own a restaurant and be a chef,” said Carter, adding “I’m not sure what the restaurant would be called, though I know it would have really good food.”

Carter said she’s food-centric noting “You can put any kind of food in front of me, and I will try it 95 percent of the time and like it.”

Of her food philosophy, Carter said, “Good quality matters. It really does. It makes the food taste better, and, overall, is better in general. I also like different varieties of spices. It’s really fun to experiment with spices.”

Of her “Chopped Junior” experience, Carter commented, “I had a blast. I met some really great people. The whole time it (TV show) was like go, go, go.”

Ashley said she has someone special who is her model of the perfect cook. “When it comes to cooking, I look up to my dad,” she said. “He is a master chef who makes a lot of great meals. He knows all about food, and you can tell that in his dishes.”

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“We strive to create an unique experience for pets and pet parents by treating them like royalty,” said owner, John Neugebauer. “I choose Point Loma because of its diversity and close proximity to dog parks and beaches, like OB and Fiesta Island. So far the public’s reception has been great and I am proud to be serving my neighbors and friends”

S&D lives by the philosophy of “Play Dirty, Live Clean” and believes every pet has the right to live a fun, free life as an animal while owners live free from the fear of dirty furniture.

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It wasn’t but a couple of years, however, when San Diego’s new port director caught up with Jack. “Oh, boy, here he came driving down there in a company car,” Jack said. “Told me his name was John Bate. Asked if I had a lease, I told him, no.”

“Well, you’re going to damn need one! You’re encroaching on the rights of the harbor,” Bate said, “and you’d better get your business over to the other side of the basin!”

In 1949, Jack negotiated a lease from the Harbor Department for a parcel of land 100 by 150 feet (200 feet into the water) on the north side of Bombay Sandspit, at the site of what would become Red Sails Inn. It was conveniently located between Kettering Boatyard and High Seas tuna cannery. Jack had added a fuel dock and boat-launching ramp in his business venture.

Hungry cannery workers ate hotdogs and chilli from Jack’s 24-by-12-foot lunch counter that he called Point Loma Cove. It was affectionately known as “Ueler Gulch.”

Jack’s daughter, Jeannette Davis, says that her mother and grandmother cooked that food. “We wanted to catch workers before they left for Rosecrans Street to eat.”

“They’d come over in aprons and smellin’ like fish,” Jack said. “Cannery docks where the jobs were heavy were just next door to my place.”

As Shelter Island was raised to a usable island paradise, Bate confronted Jack about his launching boats from his dock behind Point Loma Cove.

“I told John Bate,” Jack said, “well, these guys need someplace to go in and out of the water, so I charge ‘em two bucks a piece to launch a boat and haul ‘em out.”

“But let’s get in the city car and you pick out a spot where you think a public launch ought to be on this island,” Bate insisted. The two drove along Shelter Island. Jack suggesting that the ramp ought to be half way down the island. “Put it right there,” Jack pointed. The ramp would need to be made of concrete, have a dock, and a jetty to enclose the launching area. Vessels traveling the bay cause wake, which makes it difficult for launching an untied boat. And, so it was done as Jack suggested.

In 1954, Jack Davis and a partner, sailmaker Herb Stanhoff, bought the 150-slip boat marina (adjacent to what would become San Diego Yacht Club) and renamed it Point Loma Anchorage. Davis had a broker’s license and sold yachts from here. In the mix was also a small U.S. Coast Guard station where Sinnhoffer sewed his sails.

Three years later, a deal was hammered out with John Bate, whereby San Diego Yacht Club would take over Point Loma Anchorage. Davis would then secure a long-term lease on land for a bigger restaurant, slightly east of “Ueler Gulch.”

Jack built Red Sails Inn in 1957, and added the Oyster Bar not long after. He sold 60/40-interest of Red Sails Inn to his business manager, Carl Reid, in 1959. Jack wanted out of the restaurant business and sold his remaining interest in 1966. The restaurant trade at Red Sails Inn simply fueled Jack’s passion for flying airplanes.

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Davis was also a high-flying speculator who bought, flew, and sold World War II surplus aircraft with daring competence. He had learned to fly at age 12 with Bill Gibbs who later formed Gibbs Flying Service at Montgomer Field.

Jack was fond of old Bill Gibbs and stayed close to him over the years. As a historian, I had looked forward to driving Jack to Gibbs’ home on a July day in 2005. But that very morning, ahead of my arrival, Jack suffered a hemorrhagic stroke, which took his life one year later. Ironically, at the writing of this story, I have learned that Bill Gibbs died Oct. 30 at his home in La Jolla. Gibbs was 106 years old.

“I was crazy about airplanes,” Jack said. Born in 1922 at the infancy of American aviation, imagine Jack’s infatuation when this country began producing engines to power its own aircraft. Just three years earlier, by the end of World War I, Americans had flown into combat using European-designed airplanes.

“Then there were darn few airplanes tooled around in those days,” Jack said, “but my dad knew a Western Auto clerk who owned an old parasol-wing training craft. The first World War II surplus aircraft he bought were four Ryan PT-26s with his partner, ‘Sailor’ Main’. I had never flown one before. I zoned in from their base with your bill-of-sale as the high bidder. If you couldn’t fly the plane, you had to get somebody who could.”

Then Jack purchased eight Fairchild PT-26s with his partner, ‘Sailor’ Main’ for $7,75 each. Main operated a car dealership on Pacific Highway. “We had an AT-6 sitting on the car lot and 100 cars parked in the way,” Sailor had a notion we’d go look at some PT-26s in Fargo, N.D. Late one night I rolled that plane off the curb, and taxied down Pacific Highway and into the back gate at Lindbergh Field. It was amusing to bar patrons.”

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‘Jungle Love’ for legendary guitarist Greg Douglass at Mother’s Saloon

By BART MENDOZA
The Beacon

San Diego is fortunate to have many great guitarists in town, but Greg Douglass is in a class of his own. Douglass recently released a new solo album, “Flight of the Dragon,” but it’s his work as a sideman since the 1960s that’s made him a legend.

Few acts get one pass at the brass ring, but Douglass’s talents are such that his playing and songwriting can be heard on albums by the likes of Tom Johnston and Eddie Money, while he also spent time on the road as part of Hot Tuna and the Van Morrison Band. But even that’s just the tip of the iceberg. He was also a member of the Greg Kihn Band, performing on their hit song, “Jeopardy!” and a member of the Steve Miller Band, co-writing their classic “Jungle Love.” A major hit upon release in 1977, the song had a second life when it became the theme song to popular TV sitcom, “Everybody Loves Raymond.”

“Just goes to show, you never know,” Douglass mused from his home in Encinondo. “I co-wrote the song with bassist Lonnie Turner and it was in fact turned down previously by (British rocker) Dave Mason, But Steve Miller, who Lonnie was performing with at the time, heard something in the song.” Douglass was soon asked to join the band, with one of his first gigs as being opener for Fleetwood Mac before nearly 100,000 people at Philadelphia’s JFK Stadium in 1978.

On Nov. 11, Douglass and his band, which also includes singer and rhythm guitarist Rose Gill, drummer Hector Toro and bassist Joe Hastings, will perform at Mother’s Saloon, playing several sets of classic rock classics from groups such as The Rolling Stones, The Beatles and Bonnie Raitt as well as new wave-era tracks by combos such as The Flamin’ Groovies, The Pretenders and The Blasters. The night of course will also include his signature song, “Jungle Love.”

He has played much bigger venues, but he’s especially happy to be performing at Mother’s. “I actually went to the club and it had such a great, funky fabulous dive bar vibe,” he enthused. “I immediately thought, this is the kind of place I want to play, this is the kind of place Chuck Berry or Bo Diddley would have played. It’s a perfect mix of dancing and sweat and such a fun, crazy crowd. We’ll be doing three sets, starting at 10 p.m., as long as I can make it past my bed time,” he joked.

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Douglass has been playing for over 36 years in the band Mother’s in OB, which is a very special place. “This is the kind of place I want to play, this is the kind of place Chuck Berry or Bo Diddley would have played. It’s a perfect mix of dancing and sweat and such a fun, crazy crowd. We’ll be doing three sets, starting at 10 p.m., as long as I can make it past my bed time,” he joked.

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Douglass also plays Mother’s in OB Friday, Nov. 11.

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Virginia Weber sells law practice and moves across the street

After 16 years in the law business, Virginia Weber Laskowitsow is selling her practice to her trusted Associate Attorney, Shannon T. O’Neill. Virginia will continue to work with Shannon for another year, so come see us. The law practice specializes in Probate, Trusts and Wills. Another big change is the office has moved across the street to 4870 Santa Monica Ave. Suite 2D, Virginia said, “I am very grateful that this community has supported my business. I have been here since 1994! Thank you Ocean Beach and Point Loma!”

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Unless the title of your property and beneficiary designations are consistent with your Trust or will, you will not be honored. If you have recently changed your marital status, please make the beneficiary designation statements for all retirement accounts and life insurance and update them. Also check the title to your bank and investment accounts.

At Mother’s, Douglass said, “I’m happier than I’ve ever been. I’ve accepted the parameters of my gifts, to the best of my abilities,” he said. “This is the most gratifying time in my career.”

Greg Douglass: Friday, Nov. 11 at Mother’s, 2228 Bacon St., 10 p.m. and up. For more information, visit www.mothersonsaloon.com.
Philanthropist Tom Steyer to deliver keynote at Coastkeeper’s Seaside Soiree

On Thursday, Nov. 17, San Diego Coastkeeper invites people passionate about clean water to attend the Seaside Soiree, its bay-side celebration of San Diego’s fishable, swimmable, drinkable waters. The celebration will feature keynote remarks from NextGen Climate president Tom Steyer.

As a business leader and philanthropist, Steyer believes everyone has a moral responsibility to ensure that every family shares the benefits of economic opportunity, education and a healthy climate. In 2010, he and his wife, Kat Taylor, pledged to contribute most of their wealth to charitable causes during their lifetimes. That same year, he worked to defeat Proposition 23, an attempt by the oil industry to roll back California’s plan to reduce pollution and address climate change.

After founding a successful California business, Steyer left to work full-time on nonprofit and advocacy efforts and now addresses climate change. In 2010, he worked to defeat Proposition 23, and his wife, Kat Taylor, pledged to contribute most of their wealth to charitable causes during their lifetimes.

Seaside Soiree, San Diego Coastkeeper’s most anticipated fundraiser of the year, supports the organization’s dedication to fishable, swimmable and drinkable waters in San Diego County — from inland waters to the coastline. The annual celebration at Tom San Diego Lighthouse runs from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, with a 4:30 p.m. VIP hosted cocktail party with Tom Steyer.

The celebration features live music, a roaming buffet, a silent auction and interactive education stations to engage guests in Coastkeeper’s work.

“Every year, Seaside Soiree cultivates a joyful atmosphere where friends and like-minded locals unite in the name of clean water,” says San Diego Coastkeeper executive director Tracie Burham. “With Tom Steyer’s keynote highlighting what each individual can do to affect change, we hope to inspire a renewed focus on a more sustainable San Diego.”

To continue empowering San Diego County’s water watchdog, purchase VIP or general admission tickets at www.sdcoastkeeper.org.

Chet Nelson, restorer of Famosa Slough

Chet Nelson, a retired civil servant who spent nearly two decades helping turn a city eye sore into a treasured wildlife sanctuary, died Wednesday at U.C. San Diego Medical Center following a brain hemorrhage. He was 85.

Every morning surrounding dawn, Nelson was known to police the Famosa Slough for trash and recyclables and then spend the day caring for the 37-acre wetland near his home. He’d cut down nonnative species — including palm trees, to the chagrin of a few neighbors — and plant a variety of locally appropriate trees, grasses and bushes.

“He’s going to leave a huge hole in San Diego’s conservation community,” said Megan Flaherty, conservation project coordinator for the San Diego Audubon Society, who worked with Nelson on the group’s Conservation Committee.

He also added human touch- es to allow San Diegans to bet- ter enjoy the wild enclave sur- rounded by houses and apartment complexes, such as park benches and steps on its trails.

He was not alone, working with other members and fellow board members of Friends of the Famosa Slough, nonprofit that has expanded the marshy area inhabited by terns, egrets and blue herons, along with plenty of long-legged bird watchers, before turning parcels over to the city.

Nelson, a member of the Conservation Committee of the San Diego Audubon Society, also supervised countless work parties of volunteers, schoolchildren and university students, who’d plant new plants, water them and learn how such flora can thrive in a saltwater environment.

A longtime board member of the Ocean Beach People’s Co-op, he lent his three decades of administrative experience to a decision-making process and financial management that saw a period of expansion for the landmark organic grocery store during a time of increasing competition from national food chains.

Born Chester G. Nelson in northern Wisconsin, he was a third-generation Norwegian-American, inheriting his unsinkable work ethic from his schoolteacher mother and dairy-farming father, rising before dawn to milk cows and spending long days nurturing crops in the days when teams of horses still pulled farm equipment.

After studying Russian as a Korean War-era GI at the Army Language School in Monterey and earning a psy- chology degree at the University of Wisconsin, Nelson married Yvonne Peck (who died in 2001), in Madison, Wis., and landed a job doing personnel management work for the military.

About the time John F. Kennedy arrived in the Oval Office, Nelson, his wife, son and daughter moved to Washington, D.C., then in 1968 began a three-year stint in Germany, managing the hiring and pro motion of local civilians for the Air Force in Wiesbaden.

It was there that he became involved in the American Theatre in Wiesbaden, for which he acted, directed and stage managed — an obsession he continued to indulge after moving back to the Washington, D.C.-area in 1973.

In the 1990s, Nelson retired from government service and moved to New York City where he began a second career running a card and gift shop for the United Nations Children’s Organization (UNICEF) at U.N. Headquarters.

Nelson is survived by a daughter, Una Nelson-White in San Diego, a son, Erik Nelson, in Berlin, Germany, and sib- lings Carol Baker, Ruth Cray and Arnold Nelson.

The family asks that memo- rial donations be made to Friends of the Famosa Slough.
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People’s Organic café groundbreaking

People’s Organic café groundbreaking event for the new organic café and juice bar will take place 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at 4745 Voltaire St. There will be live music, refreshments, guest speakers, and a well-wishing ceremony. This event will take place at the site of the new café, located just east of the co-op on Voltaire Street.

OB Historical Society presentation on Gage

The Ocean Beach Historical Society will present: Lyman J. Gage - A Great Man, by John Noble, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. Noble will present his program about Gage, 42nd United States Secretary of the Treasury. In 1906, Gage came to Point Loma to deal with a family crisis and retire from the stress of the East Coast. Gage was drawn to the Lomaland Theosophist community. Noble will touch on Gage’s extraordinary accomplishments before coming to San Diego, and then focus on the extraordinary life he made for himself in San Diego and his important role in preserving Balboa Park.

Republican Women luncheon Nov. 16

Point Loma Republican Women Federated monthly luncheon meeting will take place 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 at Point Loma Cafe, 4865 Harbor Drive. A no-host lunch follows. Guests welcome. Call Marilyn at 619-222-9532 for additional information.

Coastal Commission OKs SeaWorld changes

The California Coastal Commission recently approved at a meeting in Half Moon Bay a plan by SeaWorld San Diego to remodel its orca tanks to make way for a new, more educational killer whale show. The project will facilitate the park’s previously announced plan to transition from theatrical orca shows to educational presentations based on behavior in the wild, SeaWorld officials said in a statement. SeaWorld’s plan to transition to education-based presentations was part of the broader announcement in March that the current generation of orcas at its parks will be the last. Construction is scheduled to begin in January, with the Shamu set backdrop being dismantled. SeaWorld said Orca Encounter, featuring what park officials contend will be a more natural setting, is due to begin next summer.

OB law firm relocates

Smedley, Gallagher & Gee, LLP has moved its offices after being located between the Ocean Beach Post Office and the Ocean Beach Library. The new address is 1951 Cable St., on the corner of Cable Street and Santa Monica Avenue.

The local law firm was founded by attorney Frank Owen in the early 1960s. Attorneys David B. Gee and Thomas J. Bryan joined Frank Owen in the 1980s to form Owen, Gee and Bryan, LLP. David G. Smedley and Lauren Gallagher joined the firm in 1998 and 2004, respectively, and changed the name to Smedley, Gallagher & Gee, LLP.

The firm has a long history of providing personalized service and care to its clients. The firm specializes in Estate Planning and Estate Settlements.

Noonan named Lawyer of Year by Best Lawyers

Noonan Lance Boyer & Banach LLP’s recently announced that one of its founding partners, David J. Noonan, of Point Loma, has been chosen Lawyer of the Year for Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants, by 2017 Best Lawyers in America. James R. Lance and Ethan T. Boyer both received the 2017 Best Lawyers in America distinction for Commercial Litigation.

Noonan is a recognized leader in the field of legal malpractice defense, having successfully represented numerous local and national law firms in trial and arbitration. Noonan was also named to the 2017 Best Lawyers list for his work in Bet-the-Company Litigation.