LIFE’S A BEACH, AGAIN

On June 2, the County Health and Human Services Agency announced people were allowed to sit and lounge at local beaches provided they maintain physical distancing or wear a face covering when close to others. On June 3, No Surf beach at Sunset Cliffs filled up with beachgoers sunbathing and relaxing on a warm spring afternoon.

THE BEACON

By DAVE SCHWAB

Peninsula merchants are expressing guarded optimism about rebooting with strict health guidelines 10 weeks after being closed — or nearly so — by the pandemic.

Of the devastating impact of being forced to shut down during such unprecedented times, one thing seems certain: It won’t be business as usual.

And how long that will last? No one at this point can tell.

“Since March when the pandemic first arose we’ve seen a 99% drop in business due to the stay-at-home order and as expected customers did not want outsiders in their homes,” said Tony Romano of Service Kings Carpet & Tile Cleaning at 4660 Niagara Ave.

“Now that the restrictions are being lifted, we are starting to see customers coming back to do cleanings in their homes and businesses, but definitely not anywhere near what business was like this time last year.”

Jason Bullard of Sunset Clipp at 4804 Santa Monica Ave., lamented the lack of communication between the state and small-business merchants during the pandemic.

“The communication between cosmetologists and the state board was

By THOMAS MELVILLE

Kobey’s Swap Meet safely reopen

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Former PHLS football players recognized

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In May Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group vetted a large-scale housing project for Mariners Cove while approving a move of an existing 7-Eleven into an area at 2990 Midway Drive. Patti Schwawder, Derek Ullian, and Rod Hudikdul, all representing Apartment Investment and Management Co. (AIMCo), presented to planners the rehabilitation housing project’s details.

“We know Mariners Cove is in the OB planning area, but we wanted to give you an advance preview and hear your thoughts on this development, which will take a while to come to fruition,” said Schwawder of AIMCo, owner of some 40 San Diego apartment communities.

Of the proposed multi-family redo of Mariners Cove Apartments at 4392 W. Point Loma Blvd., Schwawder said, “We want to take that complex with ‘80s construction and build a brand new community increasing market-rate affordable housing stock in San Diego. The goal is to create a community that’s respectful to the OB and Midway community plans.”

Schwawder added the apartment redo is being accomplished with private investor funds, not taxpay- er support.

Schwawder said the redevelopment will add 272 more units to the existing 33-acre, 500-unit, two-story complex. She added the revitalized complex will “not be a luxury community but geared toward the workforce in fulfilling housing needs in the area.”

Ullian pointed out the project will be geared toward “promoting walkability and bike ridership while having hurricane-resistant design.”

The Mariners Point project architect is Mark Steele and its planned timeline envelopes environmental studies going for approval early next year, with building permits issued in spring 2022 and construction between summer 2022 and summer 2025.

“It could be a wonderful addition and update to the community,” said Midway planner Kurt Sullivan. “I appreciate the thought and strategy that went into this.”

“This is a great use of the property and will be an improvement to this whole corridor,” agreed planner Judy Holiday. “It raises the bar for other developers looking to work in our area.”

“Have you looked yet at what the traffic impacts are going to be?” asked group chair, Cathy Kenton.

“We’re only at the beginning of the long California Environmental Quality Act process, which will consider mitigation for vehicle traf- fic,” answered Ullian, noting traffic studies come later.

“We take a very friendly neighborhood approach and I’m personally interested in what their OB Plan Group’s comments are,” said Kenton.

Steve Pollock of 7-Eleven and Alden Queen, both of the Midway-Friends of the Flags, planners in on the company’s proposed short-distance move from 3185 Midway Drive into a new 8,000 square foot building in the former Big & Tall store at the northeaster corner of Midway and Rosecrans.

“We’re asking for a conditional use permit for beer and wine only, no hard alcohol,” said Friedrichs adding “the high crime rate in that area exceeds the City aver- age, which is why we’re going for discretionary review.”

“I’m concerned about the very significant traffic impacts at the Midway-Rosecrans intersection that is a nightmare,” said chair Kenton.

MHP/C voted 6-1 to support 7-Eleven’s proposed move.

In other action:

– Council aide Josh Coyne noted D2 Councilmember Campbell’s proposal to put the elimination of the 30-foot height limit in Midway District on the November general election ballot is going back to the council’s rules committee for further review.

– In June, 7-Eleven is going to get the language from the City Attorney on what it’s going to say on the ballot, he said. “That will be the discussion.”

PORT OF SAN DIEGO TO REPLENISH SAND AT KELLOGG BEACH

As part of the Port of San Diego’s continued efforts to keep San Diego Bay a treasured desti- nation, the Port will be replen- ishing sand at Kellogg Beach. The project is anticipated to be- gin on or shortly after Monday, June 8, and most of the work is anticipated to be completed by July.

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The red, white, and blue is back, just in time for the Memorial Day weekend.

After a nine week suspension, due to the novel coronavirus, the Point Loma Optimist Club has reinstated their Flag Program. The American Flags were flying this last Sunday and Monday, which was appropriate considering the solemn Memorial Day holiday.

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non-existent,” he claims. “I never received one email about the virus situation, learned everything from the news, including (about reopening). Working with a mask on for eight hours was more difficult than expected. But overall it is nice to be back to work. We really missed our clients.” Barbara Iacometti of Details SalonSpa at 4993 Niagara Ave. said: “COVID 19 has been quite devastating for salons. Before we had the shut down order we were already feeling the affects of people wanting to be away from other people by the numbers of cancellations we were getting. Once shut down, we had to deal with no income and bills that still came in. There is no waiting area anymore and magazines and refreshments are a thing of the past. “People are asked to sign a waiver before coming to the salons. The new normal is service providers and salon clients will both be wearing masks. Stations will be disinfected between clients and social distancing will be followed. You won’t be able to bring your girlfriend, husband or child in with you to get your service.” Sandy Hanshaw, owner of the Coffee Hub and the Wine Pub at 2907 Shelter Island Drive, in Point Loma Village, was ready to return, business as usual or not. “We were excited to welcome customers back June 1st,” she said. “We will be limiting our seating but will be offering additional outdoor seating in our breweries. Additionally, masks will be worn by our staff and are required from our guests while they are ordering or until they arrive at their table.” Scott Watkins of Ocean Beach Brewery at 5041 Newport Ave. has had to rework his business model. “You go up and order through plexiglass from the counter and they give you a number and bring your food to you trying to minimize contact,” he said. “We have people seated every other table at all three of our levels. Right now we’re open Thursday through Sunday all three levels. Monday through Wednesday it’s just the ground floor.” Despite the difficulties of reopening under so many restrictions, Watkins said – “I’m an optimist. However, we won’t know for two weeks after we’ve opened, if we’ll have a surge of customers – or if people will back off a little. We’re in a huge recession now and people are out of work and struggling. The fact of the matter is, we’ll know in a couple of weeks what the turnout will be.”

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Mother’s Saloon in Ocean Beach will not reopen

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

After failed negotiations with their expiring lease, the operators of Mother’s Saloon in Ocean Beach, Colin and Shelby Wickersheim, have bid adieu to the restaura-

rant-bar industry.

“We’ve closed after 10 years,” said Colin of the crossroads estab-
lishment at 2228 Bacon St. “We couldn’t secure a (new) lease. I just

couldn’t see paying more money than I am now in a new lease when
right now we’re only operating at 30% capacity. It just didn’t pan
out.”

Wickersheim and his wife both have other businesses. He owns a

graphics lab in the Midway

warehouse district, GraphicLab

and Shelby Wickersheim, owner of Canvas Hair Studio on Garnet

Avenue in PB, then took over the

venue.

well as a successful local live music

venue.

“A bummer for the employ-

ees,” said Wickersheim of closing.

“But most of them are in their 20s

working more than one job as part-
time waitresses and at the bar.”

He added he was able to help

place at least a couple of his

22 employees in other local

restaurants-bars.

In the 1960s, what became

Mother’s hosted burlesque clubs

such as the Red Garter and the

G Lounge. The building later re-

opened as a live music venue and

nightclub called Dream Street,

which operated for nearly 20

years. Several well-known bands

played there including Korn,

Slightly Stoopid, the Delftones, the

Melvins, and Candlebox. Dream

Street closed in 2011.

Shelby Wickersheim, of Canvas Hair Studio on Garnet Avenue in PB, then took over the business in 2011, along with its

unrestricted liquor license (allow-

ing dancing, live music, and serv-

ing until 2 a.m.). She renamed the

club Mother’s.

Music entertainment promoter

Gale Hopping remembers Mother’s

well as a successful local live music

venue.

“We took Mother’s to anoth-

er level in the local music scene

with some of the (now famous) bands that played there,” said

Hopping, who promoted music

locally through his Gale Force Productions. “I had a plan, and we

made that plan work for over five years.”

Hopping noted Voltaire Street

has traditionally been the divid-

ing line between music venues on

Newport Avenue and those else-

where in OB and the Peninsula.

“It’s going to look a little differ-

ent and be smaller,” said OBMA

executive director Denny Knox.

The entrance will be on Cable

Street was the highlight of my

adult life, working with all the

bands like the one that (later) be-

came Tom Petty,” he said.

Wickersheim wishes whome-

ver follows him at Mother’s well.

But he cautioned there may be

some difficult times ahead, noting

bar-restaurant owners operate on extremely thin profit margins.

“If you don’t own the property

outright, and you don’t have a mort-

gage, your bar-restaurant business is operating at 6 to 8

percent off the top,” he said. “That

means, for every $100 you earn

you’re only making $6 to $8 in

profit after you pay your overhead.”

“It’s a fun business,” concluded

Wickersheim. “We enjoyed it. We

still live in OB. We didn’t want to

give it up. But I’m a businessman

and you have to make money.”

Added Wickersheim: “We had a
tough year last year. And Covid-19

put us over the top. I just think next

year is going to be a very tough

experience in the restaurant-bar business. I think landlords are go-

ing to have to work with restaura-

nt-bar owners/operators if they

are to survive.”

OB FARMERS MARKET TO OPEN JUNE 10

Ocean Beach MainStreet Association has announced the Wednesday OB Farmers Market, on hiatus due to the pandemic, will re-

turn Wednesday, June 10. The mar-

ket was due to reopen on June 3, but was postponed because of a protest

on Newport Avenue that evening

against police brutality and in sup-

port of the Black Lives Matter move-

ment. That protest was peaceful.

The June 10 Farmers Market will

start at 4 p.m. But expect some

changes.

“It’s going to look a little differ-

ent and be smaller,” said OBMA

executive director Denny Knox.

“The entrance will be on Cable

Street entering in the middle of

Newport Avenue and we will be en-

forcing the need for 6 feet of space

between customers. Everyone will

need to wear a mask.”
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The Advanced Health Care Directive
By: Dick McEntyre and Chris von der Liett, Attorneys at Law

In the year 2000, the State of California adopted an Advance Health Care Directive form, by which, a person may set out his or her directions concerning health care, end-of-life decisions, and related concerns.

This form is comprised of three main components:
First, it contains a power of attorney for health care, by which you may designate a person (and “back-up[s]”), called your “agent,” to make health care decisions on your behalf, should you be unable (for example, be in a coma).

Second, it gives you the choice to direct that your health care provider provide, withhold, or withdraw health treatment for yourself under circumstances where your physicians expect you to die within a relatively short period of time.

Third, the form enables you to offer to donate, upon your death, your organs, tissues, and other body parts, subject to any limitations your may impose.

The above statements are not to be taken as legal advice for the reader’s particular situation.

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Kobey’s Swap Meet reopens with less vendors, but more safety measures

Kobey’s Swap Meet, operating out of the parking lot of Pechanga Arena San Diego on Sports Arena Boulevard since 1980, reboote May 29-31 after being closed several weeks during the pandemic. “Kobey’s Swap Meet is happy to be back in business,” said Charles “Chuck” Pretto, the swap meet’s corporate counsel and vice president. “These are definitely trying times for all San Diegans. We were closed for 11 weeks and we’re sure that when we would be able to re-open.”

added Pretto. “So we are happy to do our part to bring some normalcy back to Point Loma. We are celebrating 40 years of being in business and are extremely happy to welcome folks back. We are following both State and local guidance regarding wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.”

A walk-thru of Kobey’s on May 30 saw about half the number of vendors as usual. But enthusiastic crowds seemed glad to get outside. They stood in long lines with six-foot separation between patrons to get in. Masks were required and were also sold inside the swap meet and everyone was required to wear one to gain entrance.

All of Kobey’s vendors have to comply with government guidelines and new safety protocols.

The Rock Thrift Store at 3603 Camino Del Rio South has reopened its doors after weeks of being closed due to COVID-19 by State and County regulations for non-essential businesses. Rock Thrift will be open to the public daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Patrons can shop or drop donations off. Everyone will be asked to abide by County regulations in order to keep the store, staff and customers safe. This includes wearing a mask, keeping six feet apart and following signage posted.

“I’m most excited to reopen Rock Thrift so we can go back to engaging and serving more of the community and spreading the love and hope of Christ,” said Brenda Swain, store manager.

In addition to the traditional retail aspect of the store, the Rock Thrift Store also provides vouchers to individuals and families in need, through first responders, that may have been evacuated due to a fire, domestic violence and other crises. In a time where COVID-19 has created a multitude of needs for individuals and families across San Diego, the Rock Thrift store is eager to have its doors open to exchange those vouchers for much-needed clothing and household items. For store hours, donation guidelines and more information, visit rock-thriftstore.com.

FESTA DRIVE-THRU CELEBRATION
The Portuguese Festa serving traditional sopas meal via drive-thru celebration was held Sunday, May 31.

“It marked history for us in our community celebrating Festa through a drive-thru parking lot party,” said Margaret Virissimo, former UPSES board member who handles their marketing as a volunteer. “Hundreds of cars showed up to pick up sopas while the traditional Portuguese music played in the parking lot. It was a sight to see. Everyone in masks.”

The Beacon
Residents say mixed results on Sunset Cliffs Memorial Day crowds

“Lots of people, mostly being respectful during the day until the usual littering, drinking, and noisy people,” said Glen Volk, a resident in Sunset Cliffs about holiday weekend visitors in his neighborhood, which has been impacted of late by large rowdy crowds partying late and leaving trash. “Not the majority, but enough that it was disappointing.”

Noting crowds may have been smaller and more reserved due to a high-profile police presence, Volk said, “If [police] had not been here, it probably would have been insane.”

Volk said the aftermath of the three-day weekend revealed, “The usual noisy cars and motorcycles. And a lot of trash in the mornings.”

“A man fell from Sunset Cliffs around on Saturday, hurting his back and having to be rescued and hospitalized.”

“How many falls in the last six weeks is that now? Four? Five?,” asked Volk. “This City amazes me that they allow the cliffs to be open at night. It sounds like a lawsuit waiting to happen.”

“From our standpoint, the Sunset Cliffs area did not cause us any issues this past weekend,” said San Diego Police Department Lt. Shawn Takeuchi. “This past weekend, we did not issue any citations in the beach areas related to the county/state health order (social distancing, masks, etc).”

“We did issue numerous citations for violations we see daily, which include drinking in public, public urination, dogs off-leash, etc. All in all, people were very compliant.”

Volk said he did not see or hear any late-night partying, adding: “But I am somewhat sheltered. I think I am somewhat sheltered.”

“Overall, things seem better at night except for the stray partier that shows up at 3 a.m. ‘Had one Sunday morning. Days are always busy as are sundays. ‘Trash littering is always an issue. This includes empty alcohol bottles and cans. I would imagine that the police have got to be stretched pretty thin with the protests and rioting,” Volk said.

Takeuchi said, “Due to the civil unrest in La Mesa on Saturday and in our city all day Sunday, the police department’s focus has shifted to address violence in downtown and surrounding areas.”
SDPD to stop use of carotid restraint as use-of-force procedure

Following ongoing dialogue between City officials and community leaders, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer was joined on June 1 by City Council President Georgette Gómez, Councilmember Monica Montgomery, Police Chief David Nisleit and community leaders to announce the San Diego Police Department will stop using a carotid restraint as a use-of-force procedure effective immediately.

“We are watching the hurt and pain so many people are experiencing after the tragic death of George Floyd, and are committed to taking new actions to make sure something like this doesn’t happen in San Diego,” Faulconer said.

“That starts today with the police chief’s decision to immediately stop this particular restraint that has led to so much concern and frustration by many in our minority communities. I want to thank Chief Nisleit for listening to those demanding justice and doing the right thing.”

The SDPD joins a growing number of law enforcement agencies across the country to halt the use and training of the carotid restraint procedure. Nisleit made the decision as part of his ongoing commitment to rebuild the department with a renewed emphasis on community policing.

Nisleit said: “I started evaluating the decision as part of his ongoing commitment to rebuild the department with a renewed emphasis on community policing.

Nisleit said: “I started evaluating this policy last week following the terrible events in Minneapolis, and believe now is the right time to make this change. Effective immediately, I have placed a stop on the use of the carotid restraint among our Police Department. I have heard from the community and the department wants to work toward strengthening our community partnerships to keep all San Diegans safe.”

With protests occurring in San Diego and across the country following the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Faulconer has directed three City of San Diego advisory bodies to hold emergency meetings this week to discuss with residents strengthening community/police relations and updating SDPD’s de-escalation policies. The Community Review Board on Police Practices, the Citizens Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations and the Human Relations Commission will each hold public meetings to seek community input on proposed changes.

“The City of San Diego is taking a critical step today by banning the use of the carotid restraint,” Gómez said. “As we’ve seen, it is deadly, and it is unnecessary. I thank Mayor Faulconer and Police Chief Nisleit for working with us on this long-overdue reform.”
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This winter, Point Loma entrepreneur Tim S. Callan, his wife Jacqueline, and 4-year-old daughter Lily went skiing with a group of friends in Wyoming that included an emergency room doctor.

Shortly thereafter in early March, Tim and Jacqueline both showed symptoms and subsequently tested positive for coronavirus. Lily ended up with it too.

Fortunately for all three, their symptoms turned out to be relatively mild lasting only about a week, a couple of days only for Lily.

“I woke up after a few days with a mild fever and one of my friends who was there complained he wasn’t feeling well, and another guy was laid out,” said Callan, a financial planner with Callan Capital. Noting it usually takes four or five days from virus exposure to symptoms developing, Callan added, “The doctor, the original carrier, had also tested positive.”

Callan added: “I had a fever up to 100 degrees for seven days in a row. I felt lethargic, lacking energy. I didn’t have much in my chest. My wife had a little bit of a dry cough.”

“Our smell and taste changed,” continued Callan. “I had sort of a metallic smell that then went away. We never sought medical attention.”

“We were terrified,” confessed Callan of the experience, pointing out another person in their ski party hadn’t been as fortunate, coming down with a 102-degree fever post-exposure.

“Seven days after symptoms I was pretty much fully recovered,” said Callan, pointing out coronavirus lasted longer than the flu he’d had previously. He had actually felt sicker with the flu, though it only lasted about half as long.

Afterward, Callan realized there was a silver lining. Since recovering from Covid 19, he has been donating his convalescent plasma to help others overcome the virus.

“I understand it (plasma) has even helped get some people out of the Intensive Care Unit, including people on ventilators doctors didn’t think would make it, and it saved their lives,” Callan said. “The antibodies in plasma can help people fight this thing off.”

Callan added demand for blood plasma with antibodies from recovered donors is in such great demand, it’s now being overnighted from donors to recipients nationwide.

“I encourage people that have had it (virus) to not be so secretive about it. You probably know other people who’ve had it. They just haven’t told you. People should feel free to disclose it. And donate plasma, because the demand far outstrips the supply, and a lot of people are dying.”

Callan added that since recovering from Covid 19, he has been donating his convalescent plasma to help others overcome the virus.

“PEERS Network was established in 2009 to bring entrepreneurs and executives from across a variety of industries together with a common goal: to give back. San Diego Blood Bank is dedicated to community health by providing a reliable supply of blood to patients in need. SDBB is an independent, non-profit that serves hospitals in San Diego, Orange, Imperial, and Los Angeles counties with blood transfusion products and reference laboratory services. Visit SanDiegoBloodBank.org or connect with the organization on Facebook and Twitter.

Point Loma entrepreneur donating plasma after recovering from Covid-19

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

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City to distribute $1M to support artists struggling amid pandemic

As part of the City’s efforts to provide economic relief to those struggling financially during the pandemic, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer on May 27 announced $1 million in funding to support local artists, bolster public art in neighborhood parks and expand the Civic Art Collection.

This funding is available through private donations and fees developers pay into the City’s Public Art Fund.

As COVID-19 continues to devastate the global economy, local artists are among many struggling to make ends meet as work opportunities are scarce. To support these artists, the City of San Diego is launching two new initiatives to beautify public spaces like City parks and add new works to the City’s collection.

“As we continue to slowly reopen our economy, we’re looking for ways to help folks get through this difficult period and begin to recover,” Faulconer said. “That’s why we’re launching two new initiatives that will provide work for many struggling artists and create beautiful, thought-provoking public art for everyone to enjoy.”

The first arts initiative, SD Practice, will support artists through the direct purchase of existing artwork, providing income to working artists. This effort is made possible through a $500,000 gift from the late Thomas O. Rasmussen, an avid contemporary art collector.

Information on how artists can apply to participate in SD Practice can be found on the City of San Diego’s Commission for Arts and Culture website or at sandiego.gov/SDPractice. Artwork purchased through the SD Practice initiative will diversify the City’s Civic Art Collection with different types of art, such as paintings, sculptures and media-based works.

“It’s important to consider that many of the artworks in the Civic Art Collection were created during the New Deal work-relief programs,” said Christine E. Jones, chief of Civic Art Strategies for the City’s Commission for Arts and Culture. “In the past, many artists have found times of hardship and suffering to be perfect catalysts for launching their artistic practices. In response to COVID-19, the City is reviving this practice through direct purchases and implementation of projects that support the creativity of local artists and have a positive impact on diverse communities.”

With the second initiative, Park Social, the City is commissioning San Diego artists to develop site-specific temporary projects that create moments of reflection in park settings. The $500,000 initiative is made possible thanks to a family bequest and developer fees paid to the Public Art Fund for the artistic enhancement of the City’s public spaces. It is anticipated that Park Social will launch this summer.

Through this opportunity, local artists will develop innovative, thought-provoking projects that reach a wide audience and engage the artist’s own creative practice and provide individuals and communities with a moment of surprise, beauty, deep thought or humor.

Read more online at sdnews.com

Join Junior Theatre virtually this summer and experience the wonderful world of Performing Arts!

Campers will participate in acting, dance, singing & specialty classes during week-long online sessions all summer. Musical Theatre and Advanced Acting conservatory camps are also available. To register or for a list of camp dates, descriptions & pricing visit juniortheatre.com or email registration@juniortheatre.com.

Summer Explorers at Gillispie

Gillispie School invites all students to join it’s exciting, 2020 Summer Explorers Program filled with exploration and discovery!

To keep your child fully engaged in purposeful learning and warm-weather fun, Gillispie Summer Explorers offers an 8-week Parent Toddler Exploration Program (PTEP) for children ages 20-36 months and moms/ dads/caregivers, an exciting, early childhood camp for students ages 3-4, and a diverse array of Elementary Camp Classes for kids in Grades K-6.

Elementary camp class offerings are held in one-week sessions and include grade-level readiness, LEGO construction, robotics, arts & crafts, music, swimming, theater, engineering, sports, and more.

For more information, contact Summer Explorers Director Erica Harley at summers@gillispie.org or (858) 459-3777.

Fun, Friends, & Learning for ages 5-14!

June 1 – August 8

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Summer Camp will look different this year, but it will still be an incredible summer of adventure, fun and learning. Here are some of the exciting activities planned.

Art Exploration – Dance, Acting, Digital Arts, Ceramics, Drawing and Painting

Fitness & Fun – Games & Exercises as well as sports, including gymnastics, rock sports,iki, yoga and yoga class.

Wild Water Days – having fun by getting wet and crazy

LEGO–Mania – build LEGO creations with LEGO bricks and more

Game On – Gaming & Thinking Skills

Rock Sports – grow your skills in football, volleyball, soccer, basketball and more

Chemistry Experiments, and catapulting

– build robots, Do physics activities

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– Games & Exercises as well as sports, including gymnastics, rock sports, iki, yoga and yoga class.

– creating your own LEGO creations with LEGO bricks

– Gaming & Thinking Skills

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– Chemistry Experiments, and catapulting
Hollywood discovers Ocean Beach, again

OB Pier, OB Playhouse, and Ocean Beach Elementary featured in ‘Mighty Oak’

By MIKE MCCARTHY | The Beacon

A major motion picture, which debuts June 5, stars Ocean Beach. Paramount Pictures is releasing its first movie since the beginning of the pandemic titled “Mighty Oak.”

A musical movie drama that was filmed in San Diego, with Ocean Beach as the primary backdrop throughout the picture.

Walk-In theaters, for the most part, have yet to open, so Paramount, which just recently purchased the movie, will first market the film to drive-in theaters.

“Mighty Oak” was San Diego debut on Friday, June 5 at the South Bay Drive-In at 2170 Coronado Ave, in Imperial Beach.

“Mighty Oak” was the mastermind of Frank and Amy Ragen of La Jolla. Their son, Tommy Ragen, 11 years old at the time of filming, is one of the major stars of the film. He plays the part of Oak Scoggins.

The Ragen’s daughter, Emma, also has a small part in the film.

The grandmother’s role is played by Linda Smith Wendfeldt. She is the Tommy Ragen’s grandmother, Amy Ragen’s mother, and daughter of the late, and beloved Joan Krocker.

Tommy Ragen is an amazing part of all this latest success. Now, at 12, he presents himself as a professional actor. Tommy was already an accomplished guitarist, player, singer, and songwriter before the film. At 6 years old, he started playing the guitar and by age 8 was performing gigs all over San Diego.

At 9, he was on the road touring the country for a one-year production of BROADWAY’S “School of Rock.” After returning home to settle down with family, school, and friends, Tommy still found the time and energy to star in a major motion picture film.

“Mighty Oak” is about a rock band manager Gina Jackson (played by Janel Parrish), who loses her brother Vaughan (Levi Dylan, grandson of Bob Dylan), who was the band’s lead singer, in a fatal car accident.

Ten years later Gina meets a 10-year-old musician Oak Scoggins (Tommy Ragen), who displays exactly the same characteristics and musical talent as her deceased brother. Gina soon becomes convinced that Oak is her late brother, Vaughan, reincarnated.

“Mighty Oak” was primarily filmed in Ocean Beach. The OB Pier was the set for the surfing along with shots up and down Newport Avenue. OB Elementary School was the location for Oak’s opportunity to sing and interact with other children. The OB Playhouse and OB Town Council were also included in the film.

The movie “Almost Famous,” which was released in 2000, filmed some scenes in San Diego and Ocean Beach. The movie opens with shots of the OB Pier and surfers, and then follows the main character William Miller (Patrick Fugit) as he walks down Newport Avenue with his mother Elaine Miller (Frances McDormand). The opening venue, where Miller gets to meet Stillwater for the first time, was filmed at the San Diego Sports Arena.

Women veterans find support beyond military service

Today nearly 17 percent of U.S. armed forces are women, with 1.85 million women veterans. Some 16,000 of them in California. To date, the Foundation for Women Warriors has served 1,145 women and children in Southern California this year.

As a warrior, according to FWFW, is a person known for having courage and skill. The nonprofit organization utilizes a woman veteran’s strength to overcome obstacles in her transition to civilian life. Learn more at foundationforwomenwarriors.org.
Point Loma football players named to all-time county roster

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

Point Loma High landed the most players of any school in the county on a newly published list of the best young men ever to play prep football in San Diego.

Four former Pointers were included on the elite list compiled by Bodie DiSilva on the Facebook sports site “Scorebook Live California.” Pointer players honored with (class year):

- Eric Allen (1994)
- LaRoi Glover (1992)
- LaRon LaFleur (2000)
- J.K. Stokes (1991)

As late as 2000 Allen intercepted six passes as an Oakland Raider, returned three for scores, and was honored with the first-ever Eric Turner Award named for the Raider free safety who died of abdominal cancer before the 2000 season.

Loma Portal - $999,900

Home sweet home in coveted Loma Portal! This sweet Craftsman offers 2br/1ba + extra optional BR/office. Tons of character w/ beam ceilings, built-ins, stained glass, HW floors & FR. But updates galore w/gourmet kitchen, dual-pane windows, HRFC, newer roof, updated bath-room & laundry room. Huge 2 car garage, spacious backyard & peek views of City from huge yard & Sport Court neighborhood where kids walk to school. Liberty station is across the street & neighbors know each other. Just lovely!

Ocean Beach • $1,995,000

Vintage Ocean Beach cottage perched high on the hill with AMAZING, panoramic white water views. This 380 sqft cottage features an open floor plan, wood floors, updated bathrooms, 1 car garage w/roof deck & huge back yard. A bit of sweet equity and this baby could be stressful. The zoning allows 2 units & the special view makes this an opportunity too good to pass up. Just blocks to the Farmer’s Market, the beach, the pier, cafes, nightlife, and restaurants. Live in front & build a back house. Wow!

Point Loma Heights • $1,795,000

Welcome home to this gorgeous home with a Mediterranean-flair. Lots of character and comfort throughout the house. Features include SRH + optional 6th BR, formal entry, high-end kitchen, wood floors, multiple living & entertaining spaces, master retreat w/spa-like bath, entertainment bar & lounge w/CD bay, City & ocean views & 3 tons of outdoor space. Spa, live maintenance yard, lots of parking & storage plus room for an RV. Come Quick!

Ocean Beach • $599,000

Sweet OB bungalow built in 1918. This home proves that sometimes older is better. This charming detached 1-BR cottage features 9 ceilings, office, new carpet, updated kitchen, dual pane windows, large laundry room & open concept living. Plus large front deck, private backyard & 1-car garage. The seawall backyard is a Zen-like sanctuary. Blocks to the sand, restaurants & cafes. Why rent when you can OWN the best deal in OB?!
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