

# THE ISLAND BREEZE

April– May 2012, Volume 14, Issue 2



## BALBOA ISLAND CALENDAR

SAT MAY 5, 2012

Sun MAY 20

SUN JUNE 3

SAT JUNE 23

**ALL ISLAND GARAGE SALE - CINCO DE MAYO GARAGE SALE 7:30 am—3:00 pm**

**In the Alleys ENTRY FORM PAGE 3 Of This Issue—More Info 949.422.8570**

**BALBOA ISLAND ART WALK 9 am—5 pm—South Bayfront Boardwalk**

**www.balboaislandartwalk.info**

**BALBOA ISLAND PARADE—Marine Avenue—11 am—2 pm**

**Bridge Closes at 10:30 AM**

**Pancake Breakfast and Parade Awards 8:00 am - 10am Beek Center Park**

## SHOOTING THE BREEZE . . Carolyn Carr



### BALBOA ISLAND GARAGE SALE—

May 5—in the Alleys—the Fun Event of the year. Get out shop, talk and see your neighbors!

Sign up on Page 3— Information at

www.balboa-island.com as well as **next year's date!**

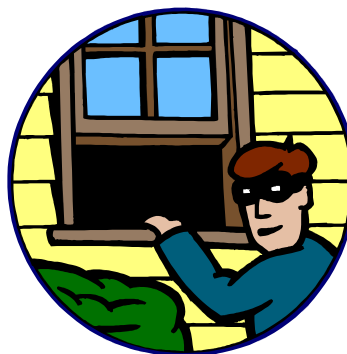
## A SIMPLE SOLUTION!!



**Foundation of Block Wall Topped with Decorative Fencing to Allow Light in Older, Smaller House Next Door. The White Fencing Actually Reflects More Light!! Now that is a Balboa Island Solution!**

**BALBOA ISLAND ART WALK**—Coming May 20 to South Bayfront—Art, Photography Music, food, fun and much, much more— information at [www.balboa-island.com](http://www.balboa-island.com) .

## BURGLARIES ON BALBOA ISLAND—



A month ago I received a call from a long time Balboa Island resident who was burglarized while she and her husband were at work.

The woman had seen a man sitting on North Bayfront several times, but she was reticent to call the police. "What would I say—that I saw a

man sitting on the Bayfront and I thought he might break into my house?"

Well he did break in —and stole over \$25,000 in jewelry. The robber used a crowbar to force open their extremely heavy, reinforced front door and quickly gain entrance to the house apparently after watching their comings and goings for several days.

"I am just glad I wasn't home—the burglar had numerous priors and would not have hesitated to hurt me.," the woman said. She did, however, lose many keepsakes that while not expensive, were irreplaceable, along with her valuables.

For many years Balboa Island was a safe haven—a secret hide-away from the rest of the world. No More! We have been discovered and we need to be aware that because we are a tourist area, the Chamber of Commerce and the Newport Beach Police Department aren't necessarily giving all the statistics to the news media. When I started talking to residents about this article I discovered information on other recent, unreported burglaries.

It began with the items being taken out of unlocked cars and garages—now we are getting full on burglaries. We need to lock our doors—our cars—and be careful walking alone at night. It is sad to see this happen, but we can do a little preventative maintenance to keep ourselves and our houses safe in our little paradise by the sea.

## TOBI BASICH—DOG WALKER

Tobi Basich comes from a true Southern California Family. Her Grandfather's company, Basich Brothers built Pacific Coast Highway in Laguna Beach in 1939. In order to acquire the property each homeowner was given \$1,000 for the deed to their house. Unfortunately with the stock market crash and the project completed, Tobi's grandfather had to sell the deeds to put food on the table. But you can still see many portions of the sidewalk in Laguna with the 'Basich Brothers' stamp.

Tobi Basich was born in Hollywood California and grew up in Topanga—then moving and graduating from La Jolla High School. She is an entrepreneur with many talents—from a photographer who studied with Ansel Adams—to a Domino's Pizza executive for 17 years.

Now Tobi has returned to Balboa Island (she lived on Abalone in the 1970s) and is doing what we all would love to do—doing something that relates to her passion—animals.

Tobi loves dogs and she has been walking several for Balboa Island residents. Her service is personalized—one dog at a time or the pets from one family. She is careful. She watches how they socialize with other animals. If you are traveling she will stop in three times a day to feed and walk your dog. Your dog is safe with Tobi and she has references to prove it.

**Come Rain or Shine, I'll be on time!**

Balboa Island Resident,  
Walking Balboa Island  
Dogs Exclusively!

Your Friendly Island Resident Dog Walker  
**Tobi**  
**(949) 675-0724**

## NEWPORT BEACH NEWCOMER'S CLUB



This article belongs to the better late than never category. My neighbor, Carol Whipple, dropped a brochure for this wonderful organization at my office and I promptly lost it in the reams of notes on my desk.

If you are new to the City of Newport Beach (less than five years) and are interested in making new friends and having fun.

This is the place to be.

Please check out their website at [www.newcomers-newportbeach.org](http://www.newcomers-newportbeach.org) or Call Margaret at 949.395.4713 or Barbara at 949.715.7473 and become a part of our fun, fabulous city.

## MY GRANDMA WINNIE'S RECIPES . . . (Born in Canada in 1898)

### Baked Ham With Sweet Potatoes

- 1 thick slice ham.
- 2 t prepared mustard
- 3 c. raw sliced sweet potatoes.
- 3/4 c. brown sugar.
- 1-1/2 c. hot milk

Pan broil ham one minute on each side and place in a baking pan with the fat side out. Spread ham with mustard, cover it with slices of sweet potato, sprinkle with brown sugar, pour in the hot milk and cover. Bake in a low oven (250 degrees F) until meat is tender.

## TIPS OF THE MONTH . . .

**TIMESHARES**—Do you have a timeshare you don't always use—many companies claim them can sell it for an upfront fee—but don't believe it. This is a real estate transaction and the fees are paid when the transaction closes.

You can use the website [www.tug2.net](http://www.tug2.net) for advice and a bulletin board for people seeking to rent or sell time shares. Or you could list it for rent on [www.VRBO.com](http://www.VRBO.com) and recoup your maintenance fees.

**SCAMS**—They tell you that you have won a vacation or a lottery and to call for details. If you call area codes 284, 809, or 876, you have called Jamaica, the Dominican Republic or the British Virgin Islands. These calls are \$1.49 to \$3.99 per minute. The goal is to keep you on the phone—they get to split the money with your phone company, who won't give you much help if you contest the call. You can go to the FCC Consumer Center at 1-888.225.5322 [www.fcc.gov/complaints](http://www.fcc.gov/complaints). There is no guarantee you will get your money back—but more complaints can help build a case for tougher regulations against this kind of scam. Best idea—don't call back if you do not recognize the number. There is a new scam born every minute!

I have a new philosophy. I'm only going to dread one day at a time.  
—Charles Schulz

**BALBOA ISLAND'S PAINTER**  
**(949) PAINTER**  
**(949) 724-6837**  
SINCE 1985  
INTERIOR/EXTERIOR CL# 723589



NOTARY PUBLIC  
NOTARY SIGNING AGENT

Linda S. Wood

214 OPAL AVE.  
BALBOA ISLAND, CA 92662  
(949) 673-4590 • CELL (949) 633-4383



# IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

## THE 22nd ANNUAL BALBOA ISLAND - ALL ISLAND GIANT GARAGE SALE SATURDAY May 5, 2012 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

**FEE: \$15.00 PER PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLD  
\$25.00 PER PARTICIPATING BUSINESS**

### WHAT DO I GET FOR MY FEE?

- ♦ PEOPLE - PEOPLE AND MORE PEOPLE. From the Large Ads in the Pennysaver, Craig's List, The Daily Pilot, Los Angeles Times, Register and the Recycler. More People that you can ever imagine!
- ♦ POSTERS Around Town Advertising the Event. A Banner at the Entrance to the Island. A Listing on the Map that tells the Customers Where you are and What you are selling. Along with Next Year's Date!!
- ♦ FREE STARBUCKS COFFEE &
- ♦ FREE BOTTLES OF WATER FROM SUE PODANY PRUDENTIAL CALIFORNIA REALTORS & GARAGE SALE LOCATION MAPS at the Stone Building (in the Alley) 121 Agate Avenue, Balboa Island, CA 92662 at 7:30 am!!!!

### MAIL YOUR APPLICATION FORM & Check to:

Carolyn Carr  
PO BOX 5930  
Balboa Island, CA 92662  
949.422.8570

OR DROP OFF AT:  
EVEN SISTERS  
207 Marine Avenue  
Balboa Island, CA 92662

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
ITEMS TO BE SOLD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE FRIDAY APRIL 27, 2012**

## !MATTHEW NISHII . . . . GRAPHIC DESIGNER



Matthew Nishii clearly has goals. He wants to write and illustrate children's stories, write an illustrate comics, design logos, paint murals, make clay art — and in process save people's lives by inspiring them. He is lucky to have started down that path already—most of us don't even know where we are going let alone how to get there.

Matthew graduated from the Laguna College of Art and Design in 2007—his passion is art. You can see Matthew and a team of ten or so working on their current mural near the Enterprise Rent-a-Car parking lot on Laguna Canyon Road. This mural is for his Muraling Class with Mia Tavonatti. The mural is for the **Power of Words Project**. Matthew showed us the image he has on his computer—it is gorgeous and intricate enough for several months of labor.

Mike hired Matthew to design a new logo for Kamps Island Flooring. Like most artists he has trouble translating his talent into money. We all have trouble asking for money, but artists seem to be in a group all their own. They love to create and often give their creativity away because they can't put a price on it. Mike was very pleased with his design and he was happy to be Matt's first paying customer.

If you need a logo or any type of graphic design please e-mail Matthew at [matthew.nishii19@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.nishii19@gmail.com) and see what beautiful designs he will make for you. Also when you get a moment look at this art on his web-site [www.mnishiiartgallery.weebly.com](http://www.mnishiiartgallery.weebly.com)

## \$15 Whale Watching Cruise Special

**949-675-0551 - [newportwhales.com](http://newportwhales.com)**  
**Year Round Daily Departures**

Just Show Ad To  
Receive \$15 Rate

**Giant Blue Whales!**



Newport Landing Whale Watching  
309 Palm St. #A Newport Beach, CA. 92661

### Integrity Handyman Service QUALITY COMES FIRST!

Gary Cohen  
Craftsman

301 Coral Ave  
Balboa Island, CA 92662

714- 914- 6615

[garycohen@hotmail.com](mailto:garycohen@hotmail.com)



### Tom Stanton

121 Agate Ave.  
Balboa Island, CA. 92662

**949.675.6373**

[tom@twstanton.com](mailto:tom@twstanton.com)

### Computer Services

- In Home & Business Services
- Data Backups & Recovery
- Network Security Setup & Maintenance
- Virus / Spyware Prevention & Repairs
- Installation of Computers & Devices
- Tutoring for Popular Programs



## KAMPS ISLAND FLOORING

711 W. 17th Street Suite H-5

Costa Mesa, CA 92627

949.675-3456

949.422-8569 (Cell)



# WOOL CARPETING IS A FABULOUS CHOICE

Do you know why all the carpets in the Casinos in Las Vegas are Wool—Because Wool is Naturally Fire Retardant. Their lawyers probably are giving them good advice to keep their fire premiums lower.

Wool Carpet hides 15 to 20 times the amount of dirt before it needs to be cleaned. Why? Wool Carpeting is Opaque—You Cannot See Through it Like Nylon or Acrylic Carpet—That Means You Will Not See The Dirt Until it is FULL! In other words until the dirt is to the top level of the carpet.

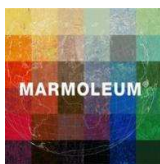
My wool carpet suppliers haven't changed their prices in over a year—while the other materials have increased on a quarterly basis. "Why?" Because the price of nylon carpet is tied to the price of oil, which is a commodity. We don't speculate on the price of wool. SHEEP HAVEN'T INFLATED IN PRICE!



Best of all wool is a renewable resource—the little guys (and girls) just keep growing new coats!

**Come to Kamps Island Flooring, Where Educated Sales Professionals With Over 30 Years of Experience Can Help You Choose A Floor That Will Fit Your Flooring Needs.**

KAMPS ISLAND FLOORING—OUR CRAFTSMANSHIP WILL FLOOR YOU



AIRSTEP PLUS



Mon—Closed  
Tues—Friday: By Appointment  
Sat : By Appointment  
Sunday: By Appointment

TELEPHONE: 949.675.3456  
CELL: 949.422.8569

\*\*\*\*CALL ANYTIME MIKE IS TEN MINUTES AWAY\*\*\*\*

WE CAN SCHEDULE AN APPONTMENT AT YOUR CONVENIENCE— The Telephone Forwards to The Cell Phone!!!

