

THE ISLAND BREEZE

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BALBOA ISLAND CALENDAR

SUN MARCH 11, 2012

SAT MARCH 17, 2012

SUN APRIL 8, 2012

SAT MAY 5, 2012

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS—YEAH!!!

St. PATRICK'S DAY —RICK SHERMAN DUO—LAST PERFORMANCE At the Village Inn!
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ALL ISLAND GARAGE SALE - CINCO DE MAYO GARAGE SALE 7:30 am—3:00 pm

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SHOOTING THE BREEZE . . Carolyn Carr

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN????



THANKS TO MIKE KAMPS FOR PICTURES OF "THE WALL" and TO THE NEIGHBORS ON TOPAZ FOR BRINGING IT TO MY ATTENTION

THEFT ON THE BAYFRONT—

Some of the Bayfront Residents have had expensive items taken from their patios. It is their houses and decorations that give a lot of the character to Balboa Island. One resident said she heard a truck pull up at night and in the morning her Valentines decoration was gone. She said, "It is so frustrating, I don't want to decorate for the holidays." Let's all be watching out for each other in the spirit that has characterized the island.

ON THE BETTER SIDE—

Please come and visit our Beautiful New Balboa Island Museum

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WHAT IS IMPORTANT ON BALBOA ISLAND THIS SPRING . . .

Dog walkers have taken over the board walk - with multiple dogs and without a blue bag in sight—Since it is a for profit business they probably aren't allowed in Newport Beach Parks—what can we do to improve this situation???? (For Tapei City's solution see page 3 of the Island Breeze)

Open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
10 am—4 pm

Free Admission

We are looking for Volunteers and Docents

We are also looking for people interested in doing Historical Research

More Question call Sharon Lambert at 949.675.7985

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY WERE TOUGH

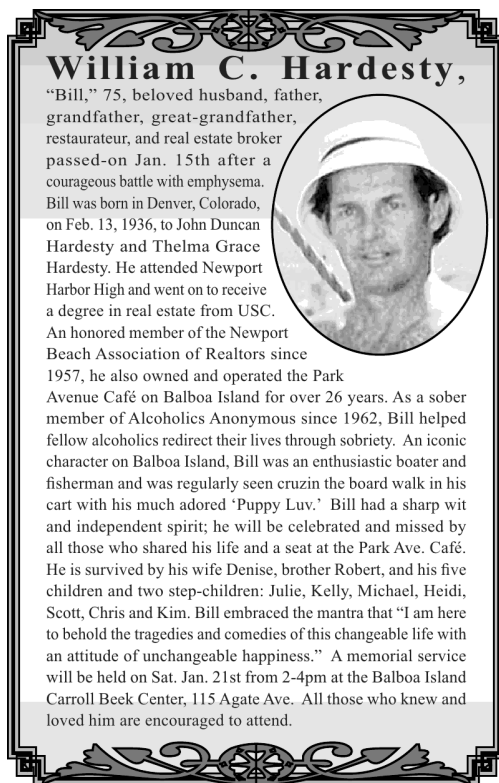
After attending several funerals of long-time residents on Balboa Island beginning in December with **Terry Lewis'** father, I wondered "why so many?" After the last service I talked to the pastor, she explained that "December and January have the highest death rates. Before and after the holidays." Some can't endure another holiday—some just have to celebrate one more. Makes sense.

BILL HARDESTY

February 13, 1936—January 15, 2012

Early in January we lost **Bill Hardesty** who I had known from the moment I moved to Balboa Island. Mr. Kelly, my first landlord on Balboa Island, used to take me to the Park Avenue Café every Tuesday for lunch. I always had the Park Avenue Melt—he always had a lot of interesting conversation including telling me that Bill Clinton could never win because he cheated. Mr. Kelly lost \$100.00 bet to his dentist on that one!

Bill's food is fabulous because he and his family ate—and still eat—there every day. I will miss Bill. He always had a smile and a compliment—no matter how bad he felt. With "Puppy" always on his lap. I am sure he is inspiring everyone in Heaven. (And hopefully sharing his pot roast with them!!)



Thanks to Erika Clayton Primeau for giving me a copy of this Obituary for all my readers to enjoy!!!

I am sure I have missed other important Balboa Island residents who passed this year—these people were long time friends who were a big part of my "family" on Balboa Island. But if you have someone you would like to honor I am more than happy to do so!!



Dolores Otting.

June 20, 1952—February 1, 2012.

Newport Beach lost an important voice this year. Dolores Otting passed away after battling brain cancer for a year and a half.

I met **Dolores** when she was running for office in 2008. Dolores had a heart of solid gold. She never did things because she wanted the recognition, but because she thought it was good for the Citizens of Newport Beach. Too many people never appreciated her.

Former planning commissioner Barry Eaton said, "Dolores was a 'gadfly' in the best sense of the word: constantly vigilant over the City she loved so much. I'm sure that City Council members were annoyed with her at times; but I found her to be very, very bright, always concerned about her city, and especially devoted to the well being of her loved ones."

Though Dolores had a complicated relationship with many, she was always there to lend a hand, visit someone who was ill, and champion for those who could not champion for themselves. The only thing she ever shied away from was accolades.

I won't soon forget in July, 2008, when I had a stroke, Dolores came to my hospital room with an orchid and much appreciated encouragement. She always had time to give in the middle of her own busy schedule.

As a result of Dolores' prodding I joined the Newport Beach Republican Women's Group—for those of you who know me, you have to know how much I loved her to do that :)

I will miss Dolores' beautiful smile, her beautiful soul and her beautiful words. Wherever she is she is helping people and changing things for the better!!



Betty Ann Berish

November 24, 1926—February 3, 2012

When I moved to Balboa Island in February, 1990 I had a dog named Mellow. Mellow was a combination Malmute/Huskey. A beautiful dog—but with a mind of her own. Whenever she could she would break out of my back yard at 119 Topaz and run down to the Bayfront and chase the ducks. On her way back she would visit Betty's yard—with the only grass on the street. That is how I met Betty.

She always remembered me—even when Mellow was gone. And not in a bad way. I would see her on the Bayfront and we would talk.

Betty had a lot of long time friends and neighbors who attended USC and even high school with her. It was nice to see that friendships can prosper for many years with a little effort.

I have become friends with her daughter Betsy over the years—and Betsy is still living in her mother's house. If you see Betsy say "Hi" - she and her Corgi Chloe will appreciate it!!



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EVERYDAY HEALTHY MEALS . . . REBECCA CLUBB



Rebecca Clubb is an amazing human being. She is an artist, a mother, and a fabulous cook. I have been eating her meals for several months now and am totally excited about the great healthy meals and the **free delivery to Balboa Island residents**. It is nice to have an alternative to PB&J for dinner!

Rebecca's passion is cooking. She quit her corporate day job and went to culinary school for six months at Pro Chef Laguna Culinary Arts. When Rebecca finished school she started Whole Healthy Everyday www.wholehealthyeveryday.com



She and her partner **Sarah Spry Keenan** do the cooking for you! They prepare delicious, healthy meals and deliver them right to your door.

Each week Rebecca and Sarah spend a day planning the menu and shopping for quality ingredients for nutritious meals. Rebecca shops for produce at places like Newport Beach Farmers' Market in Lido and Lake Elsinore Farmer's Market. For meat she goes to Celestino's on 17th Street and for seafood to Pearson's Port right in back Bay.



Rebecca e-mails a menu every week and by Friday I e-mail back our choices. There are several options for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

On Monday she and Sarah spend the day cooking and late in the afternoon they deliver the food fresh to your door. Many of their selections are vegan, organic, dairy free and gluten free. I never realized food so healthy could taste so wonderful.

Great food, free delivery, nothing for you to do but relax and enjoy!! Call Rebecca at 949.235.7036 or go to the website for more pictures, menus, and lots and lots of information!!!

GREAT SPRING READS—On History Repeating Itself!

Exile on Wall Street by Mike Mayo—See how Citi Bank has done been bailed out over and over and our government has let it take our banking system down—from the 20s to the present!!

Destiny of the Republic by Candice Miller—The immigration issues in an election, the Supreme Court deciding an election—been there and done that.

History is important!!! These two books have incidents where history doesn't just repeat itself—it repeats itself EXACTLY!!!

TIP OF THE MONTH . . . Taiwan Dog Poo Lottery Proves a 'Big Success' (Could BI Try Something Like This????)

How do you solve a problem like dog owners letting their pets defecate in the street? Well, you could fine them like they do in the UK, or you could... start a lottery.

Taiwan's New Taipei City has come up with a novel way of solving the all-too-common problem of "street mess" by encouraging dog owners to pick up their pet's droppings and hand them into the appropriate authorities in exchange for a lottery ticket.

If you're in possession of a lottery ticket, you're in with a chance of winning the top prize: a gold ingot worth \$2,200 (£1,400).

That's right - if you pick up dog mess, you could win a big hunk of gold. That means you don't even have to own a dog... if you see dog-laid "land mine" on the pavement, just pick it up and your ticket is just as valid.

The first winner of the grand prize was an as-yet unnamed woman in her 50s, a member of a group of volunteer street cleaners who help the city stay clean. 84 others won other, smaller prizes, like kitchen equipment, but only one lady won the gold.

The problem is, of course, that now the lottery program is over - it's been extended since its original announcement in August - the local government just doesn't have enough cash to spend on giving people gold for dog excrement, so officials are hoping that inconsiderate dog owners will just... carry on the habit - without the promise of gold. (Huffington Post)

MAGIC'S JACKET



Recently I opened the newspaper and read "Training A Cat to Walk on a Leash!! Wow!! Since I am in an area where there are critters that eat cats, and my cat, Magic had been an outside cat for 14 years on Balboa Island—this might be a possibility.

But . . . Could I actually teach a 15 year old cat to walk on a leash?

I ordered the "kitty holster" from Crazy K Farm www.crazykfarm.com Phone: (800) 980-4165 The lightweight Kitty Holster® cat harness is soft, comfortable and secure. It is a strong, ultra-lightweight cat jacket that secures with wide velcro closures, comes in four sizes and has no straps that on prior harnesses had caused Magic to go ballistic!



There has been a learning curve. I have learned not to take Magic out when there are other people around—especially the gardeners who startle him. I often put him on his leash and bring my lawn chair and sit with him while he surveys the neighborhood and munches grass.

Magic loves the outdoors and this has been a enjoyable compromise for the two of us—we have yet to get to the actual "walking" stage—but the harness came with instructions and soon we will attempt that.

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