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Getting an inside look

About 40 youthful members of STAR/PAL (the Sports Training, Athletics & Recreation/Police Athletic League) were treated to a day with the San Diego Police Department's Harbor Police unit recently at Shelter Island. The youths were given instructions in water safety, boating and equipment, above, and shown how police use a water hose to help douse fires, left.

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Park group won't take the removal of cliffside benches sitting down

Ad hoc committee to work with city

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

With city staff members present at Monday's Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council meeting, the two sides agreed to disagree when it comes to the safety and relocation of popular cliffside benches.

The result of the deliberation between the two sides was a temporary hold on further removal of Sunset Cliffs benches until the park's council meets again in September — the latest twist in what has been a contentious issue since the city ordered the removal of the benches in June.

"I strongly support the community and I think they've set up a good process where we're going to have neighbors involved in the new benches and sites," said District 2 City Councilmember Kevin Faulconer. "I think that's what should have happened from the very beginning."

Dan Danieri, the district manager for shoreline parks, and the park council's city staff representative Michael Ruiz came to the meeting with proposed bench locations and three design types for the council to choose from. Their goal was to move forward with the process — that is, the removal of benches by



Members of the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council on Monday rebuffed city efforts to remove additional cliffside benches by the end of the week and formed an ad hoc committee to study the matter further.

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New airport board chair touts business strategy

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

Bob Watkins has reached new heights with the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. On July 27, Mayor Jerry Sanders appointed the local businessman chair of the Airport Authority's board of directors.

"I've always brought to the table the thought process of how does this impact business and how can business impact the future of San Diego," Watkins said. "So economic development is a major suit of mine."

Watkins replaces Alan Bersin, who left the position in April to

become border czar for the Obama administration. Watkins has been acting chair since May and a member of the board since 2006.

Watkins has been doing business in San Diego since 1980. He is founder, president and chairman of R.J. Watkins & Company and also owns a venture-capital firm that invests in local businesses. Watkins currently serves on the board of directors and executive committee of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation.

"I think that a rising tide helps all boats," Watkins said. "If we can keep our economic business

engine moving forward, then San Diego's continued growth will have a balanced economy."

Watkins said he approaches Lindbergh Field issues from a business perspective. He said the airport is catalyst for San Diego, providing nearly \$10 billion per year in economic development.

"I see it as another part of this linkage of business, economic development and activity in the region," Watkins said. "It facilitates business activity on many fronts."

The vision Watkins has for Lindbergh Field is to continue to make



Bob Watkins has been appointed to replace Alan Bersin as the new chair of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority's board of directors.

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► Lindbergh Field officials inform local planners of a new capital improvement project being launched Monday, Aug. 10 that is expected to bring about a "slight increase" in jet noise over south Point Loma — including directly over Dana Middle, Silvergate Elementary and Warren Walker schools. The issue is covered in a guest commentary and full text of a notice from airport officials on Opinion, page 6.

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City applies for new, long-term channel clearing

By ADRIANE TILLMAN | THE BEACON

Once Rose Creek leaves the open plains of Rose Canyon, it transverses along Interstate 5 and heads into dense Pacific Beach neighborhoods before it merges into Mission Bay.

The portion of Rose Creek that rolls behind Mission Bay High School — the oasis of trees, shrubs and birds — makes for a lovely stroll but has become too clogged for the city to adequately control flooding.

The city's Storm Water Department is in the process of applying for a 20-year permit from state and federal agencies that will allow crews to clear vegetation out of channels like Rose Creek that threaten to flood development that was built too close to waterways.

"The city is looking at ways to preserve the larger trees to preserve the canopy but make sure the channel bottom is more clear of shrubs and scrubs that hold the water," said environmental planner Bruce McIntyre for Helix Environmental Planning, a consultant to the city on the permitting process. "We'd like to keep the trees on the banks so there is still a habitat for birds to nest and rest in. We'll look at each segment with a hydrology study to make sure we're not taking out more than we need to."

Called the Master Storm Water



City officials are in the process of applying for a 20-year permit from the state to clear vegetation from nearby channels like Rose Creek, above.

COURTESY PHOTO BY MATT GRAY

System Maintenance Program (MSWSMP), the segments of creeks and channels pegged for clearing are detailed in the draft EIR that can be viewed at www.sandiego.gov/thinkblue. (Click on "Master Storm Water Maintenance Program EIR.") Comments for the draft EIR report are due Aug. 22. If the permits are approved, work on the channels likely won't begin until February of 2010.

City crews once removed vegetation from waterways as part of their routine maintenance practices, but in early 2000 state and federal agencies stepped in and wanted more oversight of the process, McIntyre said. Now the city must seek a permit under section 404 of the Clean Water Act that requires permission from agencies like the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, California Department of Fish & Game, the California

Regional Water Quality Control Board and the California Coastal Commission.

In the interim, public works supervisor Bill Tanargo is having his crew remove couches, tables, chairs and bags of trash by hand from the ditch that runs behind Mission Bay High School. Tanargo said the plan is to use mechanized equipment to remove all the vegetation from that portion of Rose Creek, unless something is protected, once the city receives the 20-year permit.

"In the old days we'd put a bulldozer in there and clear everything. Now we're much more sensitive to what we're removing," Tanargo said. "There are new guidelines on how we work."

The master stormwater system maintenance program covers a network of stormwater facilities

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Activists blast gopher poisoning at Robb Field

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

Gophers have made many enemies at Robb Field in Ocean Beach, burrowing and creating numerous holes on the park's playing fields. The San Diego-based Animal Protection and Rescue League (APRL), however, is not among that list of enemies.

APRL is urging the city to find a non-lethal method to control the gopher population at Robb Field.

To combat the rodents, the city currently uses a weekly poison bait that resembles seeds that gophers eat. The bait is placed in tunnels where gophers collect it and fatally ingest it.

"They had someone coming out and baiting once a week, which we don't approve of," said APRL outreach director Christina Tacoronti. "They were also thinking about using other lethal methods to get rid of the gophers."

So far, however, APRL has not taken further action than putting in a pair of calls to deputy director of community parks Clay Bingham. Bingham asked the group for a legal solution but said he has not gotten any feedback.

"When they called me, the first thing I asked was, 'Do you guys have a certified method of dealing with gophers? I would be happy to consider it if you will send me that information,'" Bingham said. "To date, they haven't sent me anything."

Bingham said the city uses a pest

control firm that meets qualifications established by the state and federal government. He said the firm uses the lowest amount of pesticide that can possibly be used.

"It poses no threat of secondary poisoning — it's not something that can be ingested by a pet or by a child," Bingham said. "It's applied in such a manner that protects the public."

According to Bingham, gophers create soft spots and holes at Robb Field that patrons trip on. He said the pesticide is only applied in areas where there is an issue.

"We only have a problem if they go after our shrubs and horticulture or if they create a hazard on a playing field," Bingham said. "Otherwise they are left to their own devices."

APRL's solution to the gopher population problem involves what it calls common sense and a slightly different approach.

"When we have any sort of wildlife population coming into an urban area," Tacoronti said, "the two main things we need to focus on are prevention and deterrence."

According to Tacoronti, prevention involves not feeding the animals because any secondary source of food will boost their population. She said the gopher problem prevention at Robb Field also involves making sure that all trashcans in the park are secure.

In combination with this, APRL

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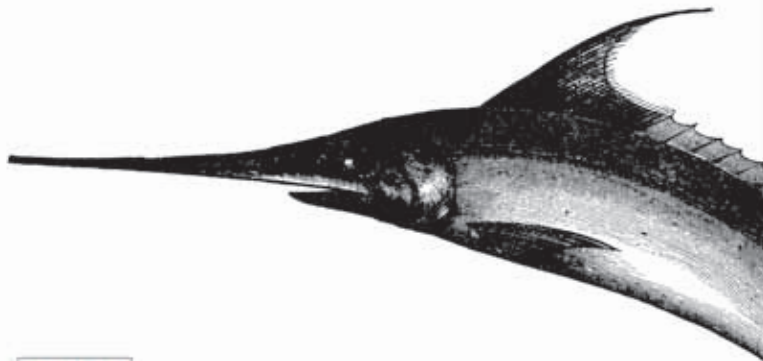


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Real estate concept might hint at futuristic new trend

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

Mission Beach may be getting a sneak peek at the future of real estate with The Residence Club on Mission Beach.

Located at 3607 Ocean Front Walk, The Residence Club consists of 10 connected properties. The concept of a private residence club is one in which owners purchase a one-eighth share of the property that they own.

"It's a residence — your private residence that you just happen to be sharing with 80 other individuals that treat each of these properties like theirs," said developer of the property Ken Cornell, who is a managing partner at Ocean Pacific Companies (OPC) based in Mission Beach. "It's like an elite club that people own and have a deed to."

Although the concept of a private residence club sounds similar to a timeshare, Cornell said the two could not be more different.

"You can't will a timeshare. You can't give it to somebody else; you can't finance it," Cornell said. "This you can finance; this you can give to your kids. You always have it."

Fractional property ownership is new to Southern California. The Residence Club in Mission Beach is the only kind of its type along the coast. With the real estate market sagging along with the economy, Cornell said he expects to see this concept repeat in the area.

"Whole ownership in Mission Beach is pretty much done right

now because the land values are still very strong," Cornell said. "The velocity has slowed down tremendously."

In addition to benefiting property managers in a slow market, Cornell said fractional ownership is a smart move for consumers. He compares it to buying a fuel-efficient car in response to rising gas prices.

"How many people can afford \$2 or \$3 million? Those days are done," Cornell said. "We think it's the only thing that's going to sell for a while and we're looking forward to doing a few more buildings."

OPC has been based in Mission Beach since 2000. OPC partnered with DCP International on The Residence Club at Mission Beach. DCP International introduced the private residence club to the United States in 1991 with a property in Deer Valley, Utah, and now runs 26 residences across the United States and in Mexico, Italy and Bermuda.

"We found DCP International a couple years ago when we first started looking at this fractional concept," Cornell said. "We had 10 condominiums on Ocean Front Walk in Mission Beach that were just completed and none of the units were sold so it seemed like the right fit at the right time."

Cornell said construction started on the property two years ago and has been completed for six months. He said within the next month, all the requirements from the department of real estate will



The Residence Club on Mission Beach is a private residence club in which owners purchase a one-eighth share of the property that they own. The concept, which involves a deed, is not considered a timeshare. COURTESY PHOTO

be met and sales will start being closed, and that owners will have access to the club starting in September.

"All indications from the sales group, the management level and everything I'm hearing from the general manager is very positive," Cornell said. "We should start making sales in August."

Cornell expects the 80 memberships to the residence club to be sold within 12 to 15 months, largely due to the property's location on the Mission Beach boardwalk.

"Between the bay and the ocean, you've got 16 miles of boardwalk surrounded by water," Cornell said. "I can't think of a better area to live or vacation or bring your family."

There are two residence types at The Residence Club on Mission Beach ranging in price from \$265,000 to \$325,000 for a one-eighth share. All the residences include two bedrooms, three bathrooms, furnished patios, living rooms and a gourmet kitchen. Membership in the club also comes with a concierge service,

underground parking, and enough equipment to make the guests' beach experience complete, according to Cornell.

"This could really turn into a wonderful way for more people to enjoy this beach. We've opened the market up to a new group of people," Cornell said. "This is the alternative and the future to home ownership along the coast."

For more information on The Residence Club at Mission Beach call (858) 488-8011 or visit www.residenceclubmissionbeach.com.

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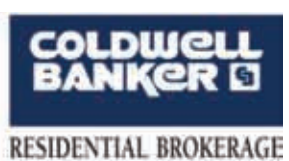
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Environmental activists ride road, waves for health of ocean

By **RONAN GRAY** | THE BEACON

Marcus Eriksen and Anna Cummins have a message in a bottle that they just cycled 2,000 miles to deliver: There is a patch of plastic debris slowly circulating in the Pacific Ocean that covers the size of Texas. It has doubled in size in the past 10 years and there is new evidence to suggest that the toxins it harbors are making their way into our food supply.

The couple, who work for the nonprofit environmental group Algalita Marine Research Foundation (AMRF), stopped at Crystal Pier in Pacific Beach on June 27 after they had completed a 2,000-

mile cycle from Vancouver to Tijuana to raise awareness about a heavily polluted area of the Pacific Ocean known as the Eastern Garbage Patch. Eriksen and Cummins spoke with surfers and locals about their journey and mission and plan to return to give a full presentation to the nonprofit San Diego Coast Keeper in the fall.

The bike trip was part of a campaign called Junk Ride 2009 that gave Eriksen and Cummins the opportunity to speak at 40 events, meet with five mayors and deliver bottles of plastic-laden water samples that they took from the Eastern Garbage Patch in the Northern Pacific

Gyre a year ago. The Gyre is a remote area of the Pacific Ocean approximately 2,000 miles from the coast where the confluence of currents sets up a slowly rotating mass of water larger than the United States that traps the plastic debris in a massive gyre.

"Message in a bottle was a three-phase campaign," said Eriksen, who last year sailed from California to Hawaii on a raft comprised of discarded plastic bottles called the Junk raft. "Phase one was to go out and get these samples. Phase two was the Junk raft and phase three was to go out and give these samples away."

Plastics do not readily break down in the environment. The material lingers in the oceans for decades where currents wash them up on remote beaches or congregate them into huge, slowly rotating garbage patches like the one found in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

The debris is a hazard to fish, birds and marine mammals that become tangled in it and often mistake it for food. Seabirds die of starvation when indigestible debris clogs their stomachs, leaving no room for food. The AMRF argues that the problem is a threat to human health as well.

Persistent pollutants that don't mix with water, such as oil, pesticides, PCBs and flame retardants, are attracted to plastic debris in the ocean.

"Tests have shown concentrations of these toxins on plastic debris that are a thousand times greater than the surrounding

water," said Cummins, referring to the study "Persistent organic pollutants carried by synthetic polymers in the ocean environment," which can be found at Algalita's website: algalita.org/research.html.

"Now we're finding trash inside the fish we eat," Eriksen said. "Our founder Capt. Moore is on our research vessel headed to Hawaii right now. He just caught a mahi-mahi, which is a fish that you find in fish tacos in local restaurants, and its gut was full of plastic. The fish that eat the plastic absorbs the pollutants into their flesh and we eat the fish."

Cummins said AMRF doesn't advocate abandoning plastics altogether but suggests that society abandon the throw-away culture that has spawned so many one-time-use plastic products. Plastic grocery bags, bottles, utensils, straws, chopsticks and to-go containers linger in the environment for decades after being discarded. Cummins suggested an extended producer-responsibility for the manufacturers who make plastic products that would force them to be responsible for recycling them at the end of their useful lifespan. Similar programs already exist in Europe.

"Recycling plastic is not as easy as recycling other materials like glass and aluminum," Eriksen said. There are seven commonly used types of plastics and they cannot be recycled together. "Plastic has a low melting point, which means that pizza grease or soda on recyclables cannot be burned off during the recycling

process like it can with glass and aluminum," Eriksen said. In fact, recycling plastics is so expensive that much of the plastic collected in the U.S. is mostly shipped overseas for recycling.

Stephen Grealy manages San Diego's Waste Reduction Disposal Division Program. Grealy said that most of San Diego's plastics end up in Pacific Rim countries, where they are recycled into bottles or fabrics used to manufacture carpets. San Diego uses a processor that separates and cleans the plastic before it is shipped abroad. Grealy said the processor is charged if the items are found too dirty and so has an incentive to send clean products for recycling.

Eriksen said the problem with recycling plastic is that it's "down-cycled," meaning the recycled product is less valuable than the product it came from.

"They are not making a new plastic bottle from an old one like they do with glass or aluminum," he said. "We think that it's really important for people to know this because if you think that you're recycling your plastics, there's no incentive to cut back on your consumption."

Besides carrying grocery bags to the store and avoiding one time use plastic items, Eriksen suggested scrutinizing the durable goods people consume.

"Our bikes are both reused bikes," Eriksen said of the bike he just rode for 2,000 miles. "The point is that it doesn't take a huge investment to get a bike and to start riding it."

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NewsBriefs

Coastkeeper launches interactive database

Residents who want to sound off about local watersheds — anything water-related in their region — now have new opportunity. Late last month, San Diego Coastkeeper launched an interactive water monitoring and watershed database system.

According to Coastkeeper officials, the database makes data about the watersheds freely available and easier to understand. It also features discussion boards, a repository for beach bacteria level information and a forum to track water quality violations. The site is completely fueled by public participation.

The database is located at www.sdwatersheds.org. For more information about San Diego Coastkeeper, visit www.sdcoastkeeper.org.

Point Loman takes silver in junior rowing nationals

Point Loman rower Joe Thaxton won a silver medal at the USRowing Club Nationals held from July 15-19 in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Thaxton won the medal in the Mens Junior A 4 competition as part of the USRowing Junior Men's Development Camp boat.

Thaxton and fellow Point Loman Jason Perone — who train at San Diego Rowing Club at Mission Bay — participated in the development camp at the Three Rivers rowing complex in Pittsburgh from June 22 to July 19. Boats from the camp were slated to compete in the CanAm-Mex Regatta in Mexico City in July, but because of concerns over the swine flu and violence

there, USRowing elected to send boats to the Club Nationals instead.

For more information on the San Diego Rowing Club, visit www.sdrcrew.org.

Annual Tony Mezzadri Surf Classic set Aug. 15

The 16th Annual Tony Mezzadri Surf Classic will take to the waves Aug. 15 in Ocean Beach.

The event, which benefits the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Center for Neural Repair's spinal cord regeneration program, launches from the foot of the OB pier on Newport Avenue at 7 a.m.

Entry fees for the event have been rolled back to the original cost of \$35.

The contest offers a variety of heats for all ages, including the stand-up paddle open division.

The celebration will include a barbecue luncheon, live music and opportunity drawings for surfboards.

In its previous 15 years, The Tony Mezzadri Surf Classic has raised over \$175,000 for the UCSD spinal cord regeneration program.

For further information or entry form, call (619) 481-8288, or visit www.tonycontest.org.

Sponsorship opportunities are also still available, according to organizers.

Clown around at Liberty Station Marketplace

Liberty Station Marketplace will celebrate National Clown Week in San Diego with an event called "Clowning Around at the Marketplace" today, Aug. 6.

The event, designed for children and family members of all ages, takes place from 3 to 8

p.m.

Organizers said there will be a variety of hilarious and fun activities created and led by professional clowns from San Diego All Star Clowns.

Activities will occur in the East Courtyard where La Salsa, Dakines and Tender Greens are located. Clowns include Snoozy, Skippy, Dreamin Mimi, Jewlz,

Buddy, Dizzy Dave, Cricket & Clumsy Mumsy, Mr. Bright, Yor and others.

Activities include balloon artistry, face painting, tricks, games, magic, puppets and other attractions. The event is free.

Participants may enjoy a late lunch or dinner at La Salsa, Dakines, Ikiru Sushi or Tender Greens. La Salsa is offering \$1

dinner plates for all children 12 and under when another regular meal and beverage is purchased.

The event takes place at 2400 Historic Decatur Road at Liberty Station. Free parking is available on Truxtun Road and on Historic Decatur Road between Roosevelt and Womble Streets.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Airport noise may grow with construction

By SUHAIL KHALIL

On July 31, the Peninsula Community Planning Board's Airport Committee met and learned that San Diego International Airport will be starting a nine-month capital improvement project on Aug. 10 to rebuild the north taxiway "C" and install new lights and signage. The north taxiway needs resurfacing, which may result in a wider fanning of departures to relieve cueing on the south taxiway at critical times of the day during the construction period. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will need to sequence aircraft departure patterns south of the normal 275-degree heading.

The San Diego Union-Tribune reported on July 12 this seemingly routine project received \$5 million of FAA stimulus funding. However, according the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority contracts, these capital improvement projects add up to over \$25 million in total and will increase the influence of the airport without community input.

The Airport Authority is sending out a letter and map to thousands of residences on the south end of Point Loma and Sunset Cliffs to advise of aircraft noise that may be increased due to this project beginning next week.

The Airport Authority states that the FAA may need to fan out departures onto a current-

ly approved 250-degree heading due to this project. Some flights will be departing on this rarely-used 250-degree heading (headed to the East Coast) flying directly over Dana Middle School, Silvergate Elementary School and Warren Walker School.

The Peninsula Community Planning Board's Airport Committee reviewed FAA documents confirming the 250-degree heading is non-standard and the FAA has assured the state of California it will minimize its use for noise-abatement purposes.

Our community should be aware that the fanning of departures may eventually be needed to accommodate future additional flights as San Diego International Airport (SDIA) expands. Flights at Lindbergh are expected to grow based on demand and will be accommodated by the 10 new gates being constructed at Terminal 2.

The additional flights may impact FAA aircraft sequencing as projected growth would dwarf the few aircraft that now depart from the north taxiway.

The PCPB Airport Committee strongly suggests that the Airport Authority consider the following measures to help mitigate the airport's noise influence during this temporary project:

- Utilize the concavation facility as an alternative path for aircraft to access the east end of the north taxiway

beginning at 6:30 a.m.

- Construct the eastern half of the taxiway during curfew hours of 11:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. (Lindbergh's entire runway was previously resurfaced during these same hours.)

- Segment project construction to minimize length of time east end of taxiway is unavailable.

- Sequence departures from the north taxiway into the south taxiway's flow before aircraft cross runway 27.

- Only allow the 250-degree departure heading between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

- Do not allow any MD80 aircraft to depart on the 250 heading at any time.

Similar cueing and fanning departures south of normal 275-degree heading will increase at SDIA as Lindbergh reaches its capacity, first in the early mornings, then all day long. Thus, this "temporary program" may be an introduction to our future.

The PCPB Airport Committee plans to present a draft letter to Sen. Christine Kehoe and Congresswomen Susan Davis at PCPB regular meeting Aug. 20 regarding our community's growing concerns with SDIA expansion.

For more information, visit www.pcpb.net/airport.html.

— *Suhail Khalil is a Point Loma resident and chairs the Peninsula Community Planning Board's Airport Committee.*



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Timing of beach restroom's closure is astonishing

I was running at the beach yesterday and discovered the restroom facility between Towers 3 and 4 in Ocean Beach completely fenced off and a series of Port-a-Johns set up outside. I asked a city worker what happened and was astonished at the answer. Apparently, a city engineer inspector looked at the building and condemned it in July, in the middle of the summer season when it is needed the most. I cannot express the depth of my disappointment and anger at this city's inability to serve the basic needs of its citizens. There was no need to condemn the building now.

The city worker I spoke with seemed to believe there was a problem with the roof and the city engineer felt it was in danger of collapse. Any competent contractor with some 1" plywood, beam material, 6x6 wood columns and some miscellaneous tie lumber could make the building safe and usable in a matter of days, at least until the summer season is over.

Some years ago, they put an entire second story on the Fashion Valley Mall while the first level of the mall continued to operate. I think if that was possible, the city should be capable of temporarily mitigating whatever concerns that engineer had so that San Diegans and the visiting tourists don't have to put up with this completely unnecessary inconvenience. What a picture of beautiful Ocean Beach: a condemned, fenced-off beach restroom building right on the beach that the tourists come to enjoy.

Someone needs to step up and remedy this stupidity.

Geoff Page
Ocean Beach

Supports PLHS Pointers, stadium lights idea

Re: "Neighbors take a dim view of PLHS stadium lights idea," July 23 Beacon, page 1.

Some neighbors not only "take a dim view of PLHS stadium lights idea," but on any activity from the high school! Playing and attending a high school football game at 3 p.m. on a Friday or Saturday just does

not cut it! Not only are our students missing out on the excitement of Friday night football, but many parents cannot get off work to watch their children (players, cheerleaders, band members) who are involved with these games.

The one night the Pointers bring in portable lights, so they can have a night game for homecoming, is a blast! I do not understand how neighbors can state that night games are "not very good for the neighborhood." The neighborhood needs to embrace and support its high school instead of complaining about "lights and loud speakers causing a disturbance late into the night." These football players, cheerleaders, band members, faculty, parents and others are working hard! Neighbors should be happy with the sounds of their success! They should enjoy the excitement of living next to PLHS! Why else did they make the choice to live next to a high school?

My blood boils when I hear that the band has to rotate and limit its practices because of noise complaints from neighbors; that a little league football team cannot play its motivational music over the PA system on a Sunday morning; that the football coach has to deal with a complaint from a neighbor who is upset because the noise from the stadium is disturbing his nap; that football practice has to be shortened and band time on the field is very limited because neighbors have fought against stadium lights!

Soccer, dance and many more activities would benefit from the extra field time lights would bring. The schools are already operating within such tight financial restraints; the least we can do is to support their activities, even if it means having to put up with some noise and extra lights. "Lighten" up for the Pointers!

Joan Gelenter
Point Loma

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Airport describes scope of new project

Text of letter being distributed by the San Diego Regional Airport Authority to residences on the south end of Point Loma and Sunset Cliffs:

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The San Diego International Airport (SDIA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) would like to inform you of an upcoming capital improvement project that **will begin on Aug. 10, 2009 and be completed in May 2010.** The north airfield taxiway project will add improvements to the current runway. Due to airfield construction and airfield enhancements, you may experience a slight increase in aircraft overflying your homes

during airport operation hours in South Point Loma.

The air traffic control tower is directing arriving and departing aircraft in the most efficient way possible during the construction work.

The airfield improvements will improve the efficiency of the airport runway. Key work items to be completed include:

- Replacement and installation of new airfield signs.
- Installation of runway guard lights.
- Replacement and installation of taxiway edge lights.
- Reconstruct taxiway pavement.

San Diego International Airport's nightly noise curfew from 11:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. will remain in effect during

the construction period. The capital improvement program is a series of ongoing projects to consistently keep the airport operating efficiently and safely. This is a separate project from "The Green Build," which will construct 10 new gates at Terminal 2 West, a dual-level roadway and airfield improvements to be completed in late 2012.

We apologize in advance for this inconvenience.

Please direct your questions to the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority's Airport Noise Mitigation Department at (619) 400-2781.

For more information, visit www.san.org.

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the end of this week. The goal, however, will have to go unmet.

"The members of the council were extremely concerned by the presentation and the fact that there was virtually no chance for public participation in any of the decisions that were made," said Camilla Ingram, member of the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council.

The discussion over the benches dominated the entire meeting, which lasted for over two hours. The park council raised concerns about many items, including the installation and uniqueness of future benches, the gap between removal and installation of benches, erosion and advance notice and publicity of future meetings.

One issue that was clarified was how it was determined that the benches were a safety hazard in the first place. Greg Bych of the city's risk management department said during the meeting that the benches were deemed a hazard by city officials as the result of a survey that was taken in the area after resident Kristan Wagner's deadly fall from the cliffs last November.

"We have immunity whenever something

happens that we had no knowledge about," Bych said. "Once these guardrails and the benches within these guardrails were brought to our attention, it creates a huge liability for the city."

"The problem is that the public doesn't perceive it as a safety hazard," he said. "But fiscally, to the city, there absolutely is one."

In the end, the park council members ensured they would have input on the new benches by creating an ad hoc Special Bench Committee made up of council members who will meet Saturday, Aug. 8 at a private residence in Point Loma.

Meanwhile, Bych will recommend to the city that removal of the benches be deferred for a month. The goal of the ad hoc committee is to bring a set of suggestions to the park council's next meeting on Sept. 14.

"We're going to discuss the design for benches that is appropriate to the ambiance and the culture of folks that go to the cliffs," said Ingram, who will chair the ad hoc committee. "We want to try and get a design that resembles more of what people have put in on their own, yet fits the criteria that risk management has."

Residents with suggestions or ideas on future bench location, type of materials or designs can e-mail Ingram at cingram@ucsd.com.

Ingram said all suggestions are welcome.

AIRPORT

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it more efficient and accessible to both passengers and airlines. In the short-term, he said this means completing "The Green Build" — an \$865 million terminal development project scheduled to be completed in 2013. "The Green Build" will add 10 gates to the airport and will free up more land for airplane parking.

"Moving those planes over to the other side of the airport during traffic times becomes a little tricky," Watkins said. "By building out the parking area on the airport for airplanes to be on the same side of the terminals, it will help ease the congestion and add to the efficiency of the airport."

Watkins' long-term plans involve "Destination Lindbergh," the airport authority's plan to optimize the airport, improve access to the airport and improve the regional transportation network. Watkins said the completion of "Destination Lindbergh" is 15 to 20 years away and he wants it to be the best return on the investment.

Another plan Watkins said he has is to increase the amount of international traffic that comes through Lindbergh Field. Watkins said San Diego is a destination community, attractive to tourists and busi-

ness passengers alike.

"You need a functioning airport to encourage business to participate here," Watkins said. "I look forward to being able to see if we can't expand our long-distance carrying of passengers. International business is something that I would like to see us have a little bit more of."

As for the idea of a new airport, Watkins doesn't expect that anytime soon.

"That has been talked about since the time they started flying out of Lindbergh Field," Watkins said. "Until planes begin to take off vertically, Lindbergh is always going to be the airport we have. There will always be this question about, 'Is it better to do it somewhere else?'"

Watkins also hopes that the airport will continue to be a good neighbor to surrounding areas. He said the airport has spent about \$67 million on the Quieter Home program, which is intended to ease the noise made by planes flying in and out of Lindbergh Field by replacing windows and doors on affected homes.

"We respect the needs of the residents of Point Loma and we're doing everything we can to be able to assist the community," Watkins said.

"We're very sensitive to the fact that the airport is in the neighborhood and we have to be good neighbors," he said.

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prefers deterring animals from making an area such as Robb Field a habitat — but in a way that is not harmful to them. Tacoronti said examples of non-lethal deterrents are ground vibrations and simulating the sounds that predators of the gopher make.

"There's many non-lethal deterrents that can be used to get the gophers out of Robb Field," Tacoronti said.

APRL started campaigning against wildlife poisoning in 2007 as a result of squirrels being poisoned in Balboa Park. The result of

that effort were hundreds of signs in the park asking the public not to feed the squirrels, something that Tacoronti said helped control the squirrel populations there.

"We definitely would have loved to have seen the city of San Diego stop poisoning altogether," Tacoronti said, "but the fact that we were able to put up signs alerting the public about how feeding squirrels actually leads to a population boom was very helpful; just getting that knowledge out to the public so individuals can do something about it."

The organization also works regularly to raise public awareness about the effects of animal poisoning. For more information on APRL, visit www.aprl.org.

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throughout San Diego that ranges from channels like Rose Creek to detention basins, pipes and culverts.

According to the draft EIR for the program, removing vegetation could impact sensitive bird species like the least Bell's vireo and southern willow flycatcher in wetlands, and the California gnatcatcher in areas of coastal sage scrub.

State law requires the city to mitigate its impact to the wetlands, creeks and rivers affected by the flood control measures. In the case of Rose Creek, the city can either

choose to "enhance" other portions of the creek by pulling weeds — often the invasive giant reed that resembles bamboo — every two years, or "restore" the area by removing invasive species and planting native vegetation in areas not troubled by flooding issues, such as within Rose Canyon. Choosing to mitigate through restoration is ultimately cheaper for the city, since it doesn't have to pull weeds every two years, but is more costly upfront.

"It costs \$75,000 to remove weeds for two years, whereas it costs \$200,000 to do the restoration," McIntyre said. "If the city can find the money, we'd prefer to do the one-time mitigation."



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Water activities sparkle on Peninsula when summer sizzles



Family time at the tidepools near the Ocean Beach Pier is free and entertaining.

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The water's fine in San Diego — especially this time of year, when the boating and water sports seasons are in full swing. Throughout this month, The San Diego Community Newspaper Group is featuring several articles on the summer's local surf and turf action. So grab your swimsuit and sunscreen and dive in to our August entries; they'll help illustrate why San Diego is such a great place to play!

Among the jewels in the crown of San Diego's marine playground are the Peninsula communities of Point Loma, Ocean Beach and Shelter Island — each with its own identity, charm and allure. Water sports and activities abound in the summer.

At the Ocean Beach Pier, the longest concrete pier on the West Coast at 1,971 feet, this 43-year-old platform is the perfect venue for snapping up fare from the shimmering Pacific Ocean. Prepare to grab your tackle box as

we explore not only pier fishing but charter boat fishing excursions from the serenity of beautiful Shelter Island.

Point Loma is also home to excellent tidepools to satisfy the curious and bring young and old alike closer to nature. This same spectacular location below the lighthouse at the west end of Point Loma is perfect for catching sight of gray whales in the winter.

And summertime isn't just for people. Dog Beach in Ocean Beach allows our four-legged friends to mingle freely with their own kind and create special bonds with their human counterparts.

From fishing to kayaking and from boating to surfing, we'll explore the many unique facets of the Peninsula and the wealth of water-related activities available at your fingertips with our monthlong summer series, San Diego H₂O.

— Beacon staff

Surfing knows no generational boundaries despite changes in technology

By ADRIANE TILLMAN | THE BEACON

In the 1940s, Jim "Mouse" Robb surfed on solid red wood boards, varnished and carved like a boat at Sunset Cliffs and around Ocean Beach. He formalized about seven of his 13-year-old friends into a club he called the Sunset Cliff Surfers.

In the '60s, Bobby "Challenger" Thomas mobilized his middle school pals into a club to hold the first official Pacific Beach surf contest sanctioned by the Pacific Beach Town Council. A decade later, Bobby Challenger built a legendary business designing and manufacturing surf boards that started in Pacific Beach, and whose boards now sell to collectors for thousands of dollars. In the '70s localism — wherein youngsters claimed their beaches — grabbed Tom Wolfe's imagination when he wrote about the Windansea surf gang in his book *The Pump House Gang*.

In the '90s, Glen Palcubar sat at an awards ceremony for the Surfrider Foundation hosted at the Birch Aquarium and realized Pacific Beach needed to band its surfers together to protect their interests: clean water and beach access. In the summer of 2009, the Windansea Surf Club will bus in more than one hundred children to give homeless families and youth with disabilities their day at the beach.

Surf culture has changed in San Diego with the advent of technology: the boards are lighter and easier to manage and the sport has become accessible to everyone. Surf clubs have evolved from young social group to active non-profits that play a proactive role in the community and whose members travel along the coast to compete against other surf clubs.

When surfboards were made of wood

Robb formalized about seven of his friends into a surfing club he called the Sunset Cliff Surfers. It was 1944, and Mouse was just 13 years old.

"It was just a bunch of us who surfed together," said Mouse. At that time, Mouse "had to knock on doors" to get people to go surfing

with him. Mouse rode an 11-foot board made of red wood or balsa wood that was varnished and flat. The board weighed 70 pounds. In those days, surfers paddled on their knees and dug a foot in the water to turn left or right.

"We knew a guy who would go up to LA to get the boards," Mouse said. "He sold them for \$25. They floated quite well. They were flat and shaped like a boat."

In the '60s, Mouse competed in tandem surfing wherein he held female surfers over his head in acrobatic positions.

"I got into tandem to meet girls," Mouse laughed.

Mouse, 76, grew up in Mission Beach and Ocean Beach. His father was a coal miner who had first moved to Phoenix for the warm weather to help his asthma, and then moved the family to San Diego

for the fishing at Mission Beach. As a young boy, Mouse hung around the lifeguard stations where he earned the nickname for his small stature that stuck throughout his life. In the early 1950s, Mouse served in the Korean War as a crewman in the Air Force. After his service, Mouse spent a few years as a lifeguard before he went on to work for AT&T.

Mouse, 76, now lives in Point

Loma where he surfs everyday at Sunset Cliffs for its variety of breaks. He said the break at Ocean Beach has become too quick for him.

"Every wave is a thrill no matter how big or small it is," Mouse said. "It just gets in your blood. All you have to do is buy a board and wetsuit and the ocean is free."

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Sail San Diego touts whales for company

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON | THE BEACON

You've lingered along the Embarcadero gazing at sailboats gliding through San Diego Bay, waves lapping gently against the hulls, and fantasized about life on the water and ocean breezes ruffling your hair. And you're contemplating novel ways to make that staycation the trip of a lifetime.

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This 20-year-old firm, which also offers whale-watching tours, sailing lessons and bareboat charters, is owned and managed by Tim and Michele Hanley. Lately, their cruises are attracting more locals eager to explore their hometown's waterfront.

Tim, a licensed captain and former yacht broker who ran boats in the Caribbean and Mediterranean seas, and Michele, who worked in customer service for Nordstrom in Seattle and for marine-related businesses, moved to San Diego in 2004 and settled into boating-related jobs. While selling yachts, Tim worked part-time as a captain for Sail San Diego.

The Hanleys jumped at the chance to buy the business in 2006. Upgrading the boats and accouterments, they chose to emphasize personalized service and customized tours, reflecting Michele's Nordstrom background. Daughter of a marine biologist, animal-loving Michele introduced "green" business practices, using biodegradable products and channeling recycling proceeds to support community animal welfare and environmental causes.

"I wanted to take it up a notch, make the experience more upscale. We make (guests') trips look as they want them to look. I like the boats to be arranged so guests feel they're coming to sail on a friend's boat rather than on a bare rented boat," she said. Their tours include soft drinks, beer,

wine and snacks as well as use of jackets, hats, blankets, sunscreen, books and children's toys.

Michele explained that the Shelter Island location makes it feasible to reach the ocean in only 20 minutes, enabling patrons to combine a visit to the Pacific with a San Diego Harbor tour. Unless pre-planned, the captain and guests begin their day-sail by designing their route while seated in the roomy cockpit. Most opt for a visit to the ocean. Guests can take the wheel, help sail or just relax.

This year, Diego, the charismatic juvenile whale who took up residence in San Diego Bay, extended the normal whale watching season by a month. Sail San Diego's captains were among the first and last to see him in the bay, Tim explained.

"I called him Diablo," Tim laughed. "Every time I had a sailing group who wanted to see him, he wouldn't be around. Whenever I had someone who just wanted to go sailing, he came up next to the boat."

Capt. Marty Fogel, one of six captains who led the twice-daily tours, spotted Diego and other whales regularly on whale-watch cruises. On one memorable trip, the families of three Arizona sisters came to celebrate the life of their late father, who had introduced them to the water and sailing in San Diego.

"It was the best whale-watching cruise of the season. They saw 11 whales, including one breaching," he says.

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Shaping the future

In November 2008, the PB Surf Club erected a monument at Tourmaline Canyon Surfing Park to honor the local surfing legends that came out of the area. At the top of the monument are familiar surfing names, legends that graduated from Mission Beach High School in the late 1950's: Skip Frye, Larry Gordon, Mike Hynson, Floyd Smith and Challenger.

"It's a monument, not a memorial," joked Challenger. "We're not dead yet. We've yet to finish our legendary work. We've yet to lay our sticks down."

PB Surf Club first took root when the Kanakas Surf Club rejected Challenger because — at 14 years old — he was too young to join the group the Kanakas. So Challenger and four of his friends started their own group. It was 1956. The young surfers made sweatshirts and the Pacific Beach Town Council sponsored their first surf contest at the Aqua Fair.

Challenger soon began shaping wooden boards that he described as "long, heavy and unmanageable." He switched to working with foam boards in 1958, and began shaping 125 boards each week out of a warehouse his dad had built in Pacific Beach.

"It was all about how fast you can paddle to catch the biggest wave," Challenger said. "When you get a large massive motion in the water, you want to join that force. The new material of foam made [surfing] something that everybody could enjoy."

Artists and collectors now buy his boards. A quick, bright yellow



Though surfboard technology has evolved over the generations, the passion for the sport and the recreation it provides continues to lure thousands of surfers to San Diego's beach communities every day. It's timeless allure and the connection it provides with the ocean remains a highly personal adventure for many in the surfing world.

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board inscribed in black with the word "Challenger" hangs over stools at Taco Surf on Mission Boulevard. A collector in Australia purchased one of his boards for \$3,300 that he originally shaped to sell for \$120. Manufacturers in China have offered to buy his design, but he is only interested in passing on the business to his grandchildren.

Challenger had originally planned on becoming a police officer, and never imagined that his passion for surfing would build him a career.

Challenger doesn't believe that much has changed within the surf culture since the '60s. He said surfing was introduced to Southern California through Navy ties with Hawaii that popularized all things Polynesian.

"We were getting it first hand, right out of the chute," Challenger said. "We embraced it and will continue to embrace it because it is our future."

Now in his late 60s himself, Challenger lives in Carlsbad but still returns to Tourmaline to surf on occasion. He recently took his grandchildren to Pacific Beach Point where his grandchildren marveled at the dangerous rocks.

"I know," Challenger told them. "A lot of my blood is on those rocks."

Bridging the gap

Born-and-raised Point Loma surfer Nathan Cintas said he knows all the "young shredders" and all the "old, local boys" who surf at Sunset Cliffs. He doesn't believe age should eliminate anyone from the category of top surfers.

"For some reason there is a gap," Cintas said, "and it is always me who is asked by a groom, 'Hey Nate, do you know that guy?'" referring to an old local. Then I get the question, "Hey Nate, do you know that kid?", referring to one of the up-

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and-coming little shredders.

Cintas' son, Nate Jr., is a case in point of a rising surf star. His father calls him "one of the most creative surfers around." Headed for the national championships, Nate Jr. suffered a set back when another surfer's fin cut his Achilles tendon.

But Nate Sr. isn't just a surfer socialite. He has also built a career out of his passion and knowledge in the sport. Cintas runs the Point Loma Boardroom, a surf shop at the Liberty Station Marketplace.

"I started my shop because I am totally over the corporate surf shops where little robots run around selling everything but surf hardware," Nate Sr. wrote in an e-mail from Bali where he is designing a line of women's jewelry. "Granted the apparel pays the rent, but I just got sick of walking into shops where you don't meet the owner, and he or she probably doesn't surf."

Glen Paculba had also wanted to fill a void when he opened Glen Star Surfing on Mission Boulevard 30 years ago. A surfer from Hawaii trained in interior design, Paculba said he based his surf shop on a simple principle: looking the customer in the eye. Paculba said he visited surf shops from Mexico to Los Angeles and found the same welcome.

"When I went into a surf shop whether I was well-dressed or dressed like them, they would look

at me, qualify me and then look away," Paculba said. "I told my wife that when people walked into our shop, we would look them in the eye, say goodbye when they leave and say thank you. That would be unique in the surf industry at the time, and it worked. We built our business on loyalty, friendship and product mix."

In 1993, Paculba gathered together a group of friends at Hennessey's Tavern on Mission Boulevard to reinvigorate the PB Surf Club. The club aimed to champion clean water and beach access, create camaraderie among surfers and contribute to the community. Within a year, PB Surf Club had rebounded to 240 members. For the past 11 years, the club has organized a longboard surf contest that raises money for charity. This past year, proceeds from the longboard challenge were donated to Izzy Paskowitz's Surfers Healing event, a surf day for children with autism. PB Surf Club also purchased the emergency call box at Tourmaline Surf Park, and has spent five years raising more than \$100,000 to build the memorial to local surfers at Tourmaline.

"Since the opening of the park in May 1963, Tourmaline's local surfers have shared their time, skills and wisdom with all who have been interested in receiving them," reads a portion of the memorial plaque.

In the past 15 years, Sunset Cliffs Surfing Association has raised more than \$100,00 for spinal cord

research through its annual Surf Classic event held in September.

"It gives you a greater purpose than just belonging to the club and not doing anything but breathing the air," said Billy "Butter" Joyce, a member of the Sunset Cliffs Surfing Association, and chef for Surfside Cuisine Catering Service in Point Loma.

Windansea Surf Club President Tim Graham, who grew up on Prospect Street in La Jolla, said Windansea's driving force is the "Menehune," which is a Hawaiian word for leprechaun and a surf reference to a younger surfer. Windansea Surf Club hosts two annual events that give children with disabilities and children of homeless families a day at the beach. Windansea is currently seeking volunteers for their Aug. 29 "Day At the Beach" for children from St. Vincete de Paul.

As far as Windansea's reputation for locals ruling the beach, Graham said surfers should understand their skill level and not attempt to surf large waves until they're ready - and not just ready to brag about it.

"It doesn't matter where you're from," Graham said. "It's about how you present yourself."

Surfing is a lifestyle, explained Challenger, as he sat on the bed of his truck in the Tourmaline parking lot.

OB Historical Society will discuss legendary surfers from the 1930s to early '60s on Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

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hosted numerous marriage proposals and transported many couples to their wedding sites or receptions, Michele explained. Another cruise hosted a traveler with stage-four breast cancer, one of whose "bucket" wishes was to sail and touch her toes into the Pacific.

Laid-back sailing cruises produce the occasional surprise, including the eventful rescue of a local woman in a disabled dinghy, which the captain towed to the dock.

"Our guests had fun helping the stranded boater and got to stay out longer. She was a live-aboard. She turned out to be a person of interest in a drug-related crime," Michele related.

The guests tend to come back

rested and relaxed, even those initially hesitant to go sailing, both Hanleys explained.

"The farther you get from land, the farther you leave your troubles behind. When (guests) return, they look as if they've come back from a massage," Tim said.

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Diamond impersonator to sparkle in concert

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

Tribute bands are the hottest trend in live music at the moment. Within that genre, bands are divided into two camps; those that just approximate an artist's music, and those that try to re-create a performer's look and sound. With the exception of The Beatles and The Rolling Stones, it's almost exclusively solo performers whose image is re-created, with Elvis and Johnny Cash among the most popular of those performers being emulated.

Closing out the top three would be Neil Diamond, whose 40 years of hits makes him a perfect candidate for cross-generational appeal. Southern California has many top-notch tribute performers playing Diamond's music, but beyond his trademark sparkly shirt, none can match Hot August Night!, which performs as part of the Point Loma Summer Concert Series at Point Loma Park on Aug. 7 at 6 p.m.

Led by Neil Diamond look-a-like Dean Colley and named after Diamond's classic 1972 live album, the band plays music from throughout the singer/songwriter's career, specializing in Diamond's '60s hits.

Though now a seasoned frontman, Colley's introduction to the music world came about completely by accident. As the assistant social director of his fraternity during the early '80s, Colley had trouble finding enough bands to play functions, so often found himself using his brother's cover band.

"At one event, my brother was the only musician that showed up," Colley said. "So to sort of save the day, I joined him. We entertained

with the eight songs we knew."

With a two-hour slot to fill, the duo played the songs several times, though in slightly different versions, shifting subtly from jazz to rock. What could have been a disaster instead hooked Colley on a lifetime in music.

"I really enjoyed the response," Colley said. "I had been leaning toward a medical career, but decided I was going to set the world alight with my music. It didn't quite pan out that way."

He started to perform in 1981 and by 1985 he had become a full time musician, playing a mix of classic rock and originals. For the next decade, he gigged throughout the Southland until an offhand comment from an audience member showed him the way. "Someone came up to me after a set and said, 'You know what? You look like Neil Diamond,'" Colley said. "That started the whole thing."

A full-time Diamond impersonator since 1997, he cites Diamond's early classics such as "Solitary Man" or "Cracklin' Rosie" as the biggest crowd pleasers.

Colley said some concertgoers are only familiar with Diamond's music through later covers such as "I'm A Believer," used in the movie Shrek, or UB40's hit version of "Red Red Wine."

"His songs have been everywhere, from films to commercials," Colley said. "We get both the fans who like to have a night from 30 years ago re-created and a younger crowd who might only know us through their children's listening habits."

Diamond has more than 30 albums to his credit, but only one

of his songs is actively avoided by Hot August Night!

"Heartlight" has a difficult arrangement," Colley said. "The lineup for our band can sometimes change from gig to gig and it's something that requires a lot of preparation."

Unusual for a tribute act, Colley occasionally includes an original song in the set. "Sometimes we announce them, sometimes we just wait and see what the response is," he said. "The music isn't too dissimilar to the things that are already in our set list, so they've gone down well."

While Colley hasn't completely given up the possibility of one day performing his own music exclusively, he's more than happy with where Hot August Night! has taken him. Highlights over the last 12 years spent performing as Neil Diamond include a concert for 30,000 people at a military base in Japan and a regular circuit of outdoor summer shows. While Diamond, at 68, is heading toward retirement, Colley sees no reason why Hot August Night! can't continue indefinitely.

"In this day and age, as long as there is vim and vigor, there is no reason not to," Colley said. "The music is timeless. Seeing the audiences enjoying themselves is enough reason to make me want to do it."

Hot August Night! performs Friday Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. at the free Point Loma Summer Concert Series at Point Loma Park (Catalina Boulevard and Varona Street). The concert is open to all ages. For more information, visit www.plconcerts.org.



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Friday, Aug. 14, 7 p.m., the Ocean Beach Historical Society holds its monthly meeting on the subject of "Our Legendary Men and Women Surfers from the 1930s to Early 1960s." The meeting takes place at the Masonic Hall, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. For more information, visit www.obhistory.wordpress.com.

Saturday, Aug. 15, 1 to 3 p.m.,

author Destry Ramey will read and sign her new children's picture book "Why Am I Dark?" The book is the second in the Adventures of Hunter and Ramona Pug series. The event takes place at the Young at Art Children's Art Center, 1821 Cable St. Kim Howell, a longtime Ocean Beach resident and owner of the art center, will be featured as the book's illustrator. For more information, call (619) 459-1955, or visit www.youngatart.biz or www.pugadventureseries.com.

Thursday, Aug. 20, 6:30 to 8 p.m., The Jenna Druck Foundation's "Families Helping Families" hosts a free grief education workshop focusing on grief, trauma and loss, and how acupuncture can help ease the pain of losing a loved one. The event takes place at 2820 Roosevelt Road, Suite 200 at Liberty Station. For more information, e-mail ltibiatowski@jennadruck.org, or visit www.jennadruck.org.

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• Aug. 10-17, Animal Adventures Camp for grades 3-8.



Idols show off their star power

The top 10 finalists from "American Idol" Season 8 put on a rockin' performance for music enthusiasts in mid-July at the San Diego Sports Arena during their live tour 2009. The finalists included San Diegan Adam Lambert (fourth from right), who ultimately placed second in this season's voting. PHOTO BY TOM WALKO | THE BEACON

• Aug. 17-21, Marine & Freshwater Biology Camp.

• Through Aug. 21, summer camp for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade.

WORDWIDE LANGUAGE CENTERS

• Today, Aug. 6, 10 a.m., 2009 Guest Speaker Series features Noah Tafolia, documentary filmmaker of the "Wonderland" series airing regularly on KPBS television. For more information, call (619) 222-6411, or e-mail study@wordwide.us.

SENIORS

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Sharp Senior Resource Center hosts a free session on wills and trusts at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. Registration is required by calling (800) 827-4277. For more information, visit www.sharp.com.

Thursday, Aug. 13, 11 a.m. to noon, Sharp Senior Resource Center hosts a free session on balance and fall prevention at St. Peter's by the Sea Lutheran Church, 1371 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. Registration is required by calling (800) 827-4277. For more information, visit www.sharp.com.

Thursday, Aug. 20, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Sharp Senior Resource Center hosts a free session on how to get income from your home. A free consultation will be available. The program takes place at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. Registration is required by calling (800) 827-4277. For more information, visit www.sharp.com.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Through August, San Diego Watercolor Society presents "Vacation Travels" exhibition with original artwork by local artists. The free exhibition takes place at the society, 2825 Dewey Road in the NTC Promenade of Liberty Station. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Sundays. For more information, call (619) 876-4550, or visit www.sdwc.org.

Through Aug. 7, noon to 4 p.m. daily, Band at the Beach Music Camp, an instrumental music enclave for grades 7 through 12. Two years' music experience required. A free concert is sched-

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uled for 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 7 at Correia Middle School, 4302 Valeta St. Tuition is \$170. For more information, call (619) 222-3065, or visit www.bandatthebeach.org.

Through Aug. 9, various times, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus presents "Zing Zang Zoom" at the San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Blvd. This is the 139th edition of "The Greatest Show on Earth." Show times and dates: today, Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 7, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 8, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 9, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Prices range from \$17.50 to \$83.50. For ticket information, call (619) 220-TIXS, or visit www.sandiegoarena.com.

Friday, Aug. 7, 6 to 8 p.m., the fourth of five installments of the free Point Loma Concert Series, featuring Hot August Night. The concert series takes place at Point Loma Park, corner of Catalina Boulevard and Varona Street. For more information, visit www.plconcerts.org.

Saturday, Aug. 8, 8 p.m., the second of five installments of the free Summer Movies Series at Liberty Station. The night will feature "Kung Fu Panda," shown on a big-screen TV under the stars at Ingram Plaza. The family-friendly movies are rated PG (except the Aug. 23 show, which is PG-13). Participants are invited to check out the shops at Liberty Station to grab to-go cuisine before setting up their blankets and lawn chairs at

the movie site. For more information, call (619) 987-6658, or visit www.libertystation.com.

Friday, Aug. 14, 6 to 8 p.m., the last of five installments of the free Point Loma Concert Series, featuring Soul Persuaders. The concert series takes place at Point Loma Park, corner of Catalina Boulevard and Varona Street. For more information, visit www.plconcerts.org.

Saturday, Aug. 15, 8 p.m., the third of five installments of the free Summer Movies Series at Liberty Station. The night will feature "Field of Dreams," shown on a big-screen TV under the stars at the South Promenade. The family-friendly movies are all rated PG (except the Aug. 23 show, which is PG-13). Participants are invited to check out the shops at Liberty Sta-

tion to grab to-go cuisine before setting up their blankets and lawn chairs at the movie site. For more information, call (619) 987-6658, or visit www.libertystation.com.

Through Aug. 16, Visions Art Quilt Gallery at the NTC Promenade in Liberty Station hosts a new, environmentally inspired exhibition, "Seeing Green: Visions of a Changing Planet." The gallery is located at 2825 Dewey Road, Suite 100. For more information, call (619) 546-4872, or visit www.quiltvisions.org.

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• Monday, Aug. 10, 8 p.m., Diana Krall performs. Tickets are \$99.

• Tuesday, Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m.,

Lyle Lovett performs. Tickets are \$75.

• Thursday, Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m., Jackson Browne performs. Tickets are \$85.

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