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Airport turbulence

Aviation experts defend rationale, use of departure heading that may boost noise

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

Federal aviation and local airport officials attempted a soft landing last week as they took the stick on public concerns about San Diego International Airport's possible use of a 250-degree departure heading that could generate a "slight increase" in jet noise over south Point Loma.

The new heading, which might send some takeoffs directly over Dana middle, Silvergate elementary and Warren Walker schools, is being considered during construc-

tion of a new taxiway funded by federal economic stimulus money.

Representatives from the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) addressed concerns at length during an Aug. 20 Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) meeting.

Members of the PCPB's Airport Committee have been among those voicing concern.

"One of the things that the Peninsula Community Planning

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Plenty of change awaits students on the first day of class Sept. 8.

New school year to be met by fresh principals, tech changes

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

On Sept. 8, school bells across San Diego will signify the unofficial end of summer for kids and young adults. As the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) readies for its 2009-10 school year, a few things will be different.

For starters, 39 district schools will begin the school year with a new principal. In the Point Loma Cluster, Jackie McCabe comes to Silver Gate Elementary from Cadman Elementary in Clairemont, where she was also principal.

"It's always fun when there's a new principal," said SDUSD spokesman Jack Brandais.

As part of Proposition S, which voters passed last November, students will begin to see effects of the i-21 Initiative in the fall, an initiative designed to bring new technology to classrooms. According to Brandais, the first phase of i-21 is the installation of Promethean boards in classrooms around the district.

They're interactive lightboards. They're like a computer touchscreen that's the size of a school classroom chalkboard," Brandais said. "Teachers can pull up Web-

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Lifeguards get competitive

San Diego's lifeguards sprung into action in the friendly competition of the 55th annual Ron **Trenton Memorial Lifeguard** Relays at Mission Beach on Aug. 21. Above, Ocean Beach lifeguard Kolo Rosenthal races into the surf during a paddleboard portion of the multiple task, competitive relay event. Right, Ocean Beach lifeguards rush out of the surf after tandem paddleboarding. OB lifeguards finished third behind their counterparts from Mission Beach and La Jolla in the goodnatured, four-team competition. PHOTOS BY DON BALCH | THE BEACON



Forum to air explosive-gas trucking issue on Point

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

In response to citizen complaints about plans to truck excess methane gas from the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant through Peninsula streets, an open neighborhood forum has been slated by the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) for Wednesday, Sept. 9.

The meeting will focus on the city-based plan to transport the ter facility to outside sources ject or had little understanding starting in the fall of 2010. The of it. Pedersen and fellow resimeeting will be an opportunity to obtain information, history and the proposed truck routes of the Beneficial Use of Digester Gas (BUDG) project.

resident John Pedersen presented a petition of more than 300 signatures to the PCPB on Aug. 20. Pedersen said the petition was signed by citizens who

methane gas from the wastewa- were either unaware of the prodent Jim Gilhooly spoke out against the project during the non-agenda public comment portion of the meeting.

"The transporting of 1.1 bil-Concerned Catalina Boulevard lion cubic feet of hazardous gas through our community poses tremendous risk to the 288 homes along the proposed truck

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Surf Report SUNDAY

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Underwater charm, from sand dollars to sea lions

By SARA E. WACKER | VILLAGE NEWS

From the friendly garibaldi to the much to see below San Diego's waters.

There are close to 50 named dive sites throughout San Diego and North County's coast, including seven at La Jolla Shores, eight in La Jolla Cove, six among Wreck Alley's collection of diveable shipwrecks in San Diego Bay, 10 in North County and six in Point Loma. Some of the most popular are:

La Jolla Shores is the most frequently dived site in San Diego and often the most used diving instruction site. Ample parking, lots of grassy space for instructors to set up for their classes and the underwater topography make for good conditions here even when other places are washed out.

here is that it's very safe — wideopen spaces, plenty of room for everyone, nice sandy, sloping bottom, not a lot of obstacles or hazards, within the recreational dive limits [with regard to depth],' explained Virginia "V" Hatter, a PADI instructor. "La Jolla Shores is also good for open-water training because the first few dives are limited to 40 feet and there's plenty to see here at 40 feet. The next two dives (dives three and four) are limited to 60 feet. And up to and at 60 feet, there's a real nice [Scripps] Canyon. You can get your dive students safely within their limits into the canyon to where they can see that and the different marine life that is living in that area. It's very versatile."

"For navigation purposes, it's very easy to dive, because this beach faces due west, and if you jovial California sea lion, there is are headed west you're heading out into the ocean; heading east, you're coming back into your base camp; heading south, heading towards the cove; heading north, heading towards the pier, so as far as navigation, it is very easy to negotiate," she added.

The Shores is an ecological reserve, The La Jolla Underwater Park and Ecological Reserve. The bottom is sandy and slopes gradually to about 30 feet deep; after that, the slope increases down to about 60 feet deep, where Scripps Canyon and various walls begin. Dives at the Shores can be boring with a vast sand bottom and little sea life or completely remarkable when you see bat rays, sea lions or leopard sharks.

"I really enjoy the sand dollars," "The reason I like to instruct said Nick Cunningham of San Marcos, who just moved back from Catalina and has spent the last two weekends diving. He has not had much experience diving San Diego. Wreck Alley is next on his list.

> La Jolla Cove is another great spot, if the surf is low. The Cove has shallow rock reefs with a lot of fish and other living creatures. Parking can be the biggest challenge, so plan for an arrival of 7 a.m. or earlier.

> "I like the diversity of life," said Scott Welchons of Carlsbad. "La Jolla Shores is a great local dive; easy to do."

> He said the surroundings are what make La Jolla Shores different than the Cove. "La Jolla Cove has the rocky edges going down

into the ocean, a lot of sea grass, kelp and a rocky bottom. Here [La Jolla Shores], just as you see the beach, you've got a flat sandy plain going out to the [Scripps] Canyon and drops down — so you've got a little bit of a difference in how you go out and what you're going to

Marine Room is one of San Diego divers' hidden gems. The entrance to this dive site is a sidewalk and stairs on the south side of the Marine Room Restaurant (2000 Spindrift Drive). Due to the Marine Room's shallowness, some divers opt to snorkel the 2- to 4-foot water directly in front of the restaurant.

Odds are good that leopard sharks, shovelnose sharks and stingrays will be seen, especially in the late summer. The same creatures and critters can be observed at 5 to 30 feet deep as the Cove, including large schools of fish, specifically California barracuda.

Wreck Alley is a collection of shipwrecks in Mission Bay, including the Ruby E, El Rey, NOSC Tower and HMCS Yukon. The Ruby E, a former Coast Guard cutter, fishing boat and salvage vessel, was intentionally sunk in June 1989 to become an artificial reef. It now lies at 65 feet.

The El Rey, also intentionally sunk to become an artificial reef (1987), was formerly a kelp harvester. It lies at 75 feet deep. The NOSC Tower, an offshore tower or platform, is another spot that dive trio of dive spots. It lies at 70 feet.

Diego's Wreck Alley, the HMCS

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A curious California sea lion (above) and guitarfish at La Jolla Shores (below) are some of the undersea sights awaiting divers. PHOTOS BY SARA E. WACKER



Yukon, is quite possibly the biggest jewel in Wreck Alley's crown. At 366 feet in length, it is one of California's largest wrecks accessible by divers. As the newest wreck, it is charter boats stop off to visit in a also the most intact divers can visit, which also makes it potentially one The latest contribution to San of California's most dangerous wrecks to dive.

According to CaWreckDivers.org, the Yukon was towed down to San Diego, gutted and cleaned by the San Diego Oceans Foundation. "On Thursday, July 13, 2000, she was towed out and moored off Mission Bay in preparation for sink-

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Board committee was concerned about was that the airport did not provide us proper notice regarding the use of the 250-degree heading that they will have on a temporary basis, which is south of the normal 275-degree heading just for this new taxiway construction," said PCPB Airport Committee chair Suhail Khalil.

The committee has drafted a letter urging that the Airport Authority consider a different method of construction to lessen the need for and impact of the new heading.

George Condon, the Airport Authority's director of airside operations, and David Borcalli, an FAA frontline manager, addressed the PCPB Airport Committee's suggested measures to ease the jet-noise influence during the nine-month construction period.

Regarding suggestions that the concrete ramp near the general aviation facility be used as an alternative path for aircraft to access the north taxiway, Condon said that is not possible because it is already at its maximum use. He

said in addition to handling general aviation aircraft, that area also accommodates cargo operations and serves as overnight aircraft

"It's used to its maximum every day," Condon said. "There's nowhere else to relocate them to. That space is not available."

In response to another suggestion that the eastern half of the taxiway be constructed during curfew hours of 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. to ease jet noise late at night, Condon said it could not because it is a complete reconstruction process. Although the entire runway at Lindbergh Field was resurfaced during these hours before, Condon said that was simply an overlay and not a rebuilding of the run-

"We would love to be able to completely reconstruct that runway but we haven't figured out how to do that with one runway yet," Condon said. "So we continue to take off that old top pavement and take off the new top pavement because we're forced to.'

Borcalli addressed the other suggested measures by the PCPB Airport Committee and assured those in attendance that the 250-degree

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DAVID BORCALLI

heading would only be used in the case of heavy traffic at Lindbergh Field and not a regular departure

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"The 250-degree heading is something we'd like to have in our back pocket in the event we start getting ground delays," Borcalli said. "Once you push off the gate, we have very little room at the airport. It's going to be a last resort to get that one airplane 15th in line off the ground an extra minute because we're going to have arrivals at the same time."

Both Khalil and community members expressed their concerns that the 250-degree heading would be used on a more regular basis as the airport continues to expand. This expansion will start with the completion of "The Green Build," which will add 10 new gates by early 2013.

"The 250(-degree) fanning of the departures isn't going to be a continuous mitigation to our traffic programs on the ground," Borcalli said. "It doesn't help us that much. It's a very small remedy to the ground traffic problems that we're trying to eliminate.

Borcalli also clarified during his presentation that the 250-degree heading has always been available for airport use and that it is not something that needs approval from the FAA. He said the airport has chosen not to use it based on a handshake agreement with the surrounding community years

ago.
"The airspace is ours to use from an air traffic standpoint. If we need to separate people and get aircraft in an expeditious manner out in the airspace and on the route in a safe manner, that's what we're going to do," Borcalli said. "We've never signed anything. We've never given away anything for the 250.

"It's never been something to give or take," he said. "It's always been there. We've elected not to use it on a continuous basis because it really doesn't benefit us that much."

PCPB's Airport Committee is holding its next regular monthly meeting on Friday, Aug. 28 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at 2835 Perry Road in Liberty Station. At that meeting, Condon will be on hand to provide a PowerPoint presentation about the taxiway construction.

Khalil said he will present a letter to Sen. Christine Kehoe and Congresswoman Susan Davis that the PCPB approved Aug. 20 regarding the list of suggestions to the Airport Authority.

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sites right away if they have their content for their lessons online, or if they have a PowerPoint on their computer they can teach directly on there."

Brandais said 1,600 classrooms have the boards already in place, and all third-, sixth- and ninthgrade classrooms will have the boards installed by the end of 2009. The Promethean boards are the first step of i-21, which will bring high-speed Internet with WiFi capability to all district schools within three years. For more information on Prop S, www.sandi.net/props.

"Some of the teacher training has been going on already, so when they get those boards in their classroom they'll be ready to use them," Brandais said.

Lunchtime this year should be more satisfying for students at district middle and high schools. Brandais said the cafeteria system at these schools will be revamped to make lunch more accessible.

"Our cafeterias were designed at a time when very few kids brought their lunch and were a different type of service. Kids would line up and they'd go through the steam tables and they'd get the mashed potatoes and the corn and the sliced meat for the day and take their trays and go," Brandais said. "Kids don't eat like that anymore. They prefer sandwiches and handheld food, and prefer to go sit outside with their friends. What we found is that cafeterias are not designed for fast service.

in school guads and near the cafeterias to make lunch more accessible for students by providing more options and cutting down on lines. The goal is to encourage more students to eat lunch by enabling them to buy it without that process taking up their entire lunch period.

"If students have lunch, it's the same thing as if they have breakfast — they're better able to learn,' Brandais said. "They keep their energy in the afternoon. They're growing bodies, so they need to have energy to grow and also to learn."

The district's "GAME On!" ninthgrade attendance initiative started last year in five high schools has been expanded this year to include all high schools within the district. As part of this initiative, awards will be given to eligible students on Brandais said carts will be placed a weekly, quarterly, semester and

year-end basis.

"It's a real effort to make sure that kids not only show up for class but also to encourage them to stay in high school so that they graduate," Brandais said. "You can't learn if you're not in school, and it's very difficult to function in society these days without a high school diploma.'

As far as vaccinations for the 2009-10 school year, despite talk of mandatory swine flu shots in schools, Brandais said that is not something he has heard as a possibility for San Diego.

"The Health Department is really taking the lead on all of this and they'll announce what they want to do with that," Brandais said. "One of the plans is to make the vaccination available and to use school sites as the place where they would do that. But that's not the district

giving shots."

As district schools adjust to changes at the start of the 2009-10 school year, SDUSD itself is on the verge of a big transition. Superintendent Terry Grier was identified as the final candidate for the Houston Independent School District on Aug. 20. Texas law requires a 21day waiting period before Houston can make Grier an official offer.

"The organization and direction may change depending on who a new superintendent is — if there is a new superintendent," Brandais said. "But the efforts and the directions that Dr. Grier has pointed are things that are going to last at the district for years.'

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San Diego police display weapons and ammunition seized during the arrrest of Brandon Murray, who allegedly threatened his co-workers.

Man with weapons cache arrested in Midway area

A 27-year-old man was arrested with a cache of weapons and ammunition after he allegedly threatened co-workers of Alert Ambulance in the Midway District on Aug. 24, according to

police officials.

The incident, which resulted in the seizure of four semiautomatic handguns and several cases and clips of ammunition, began about 11:40 a.m. when police received a call from an employee at the Hancock Street ambulance ser-

The employee reportedly told police that another employee identified as Brandon Murray, 27, had made threats to "hurt everyone at the office," sending officers in motion to make contact with the employees.

Shortly after noon, Murray reportedly called the business again, indicating he was on his way over to retrieve his personal

At about 12:20 p.m. a car matching the description of one of Murray's cars was spotted in the North Park area, but the driver was not Murray. Plainclothes

officers apparently spotted Murray and his wife arriving at their home at 2:15 p.m. and then followed them until patrol officers could make a so-called "high-risk stop" of the vehicle at Winona and Orange avenues.

He was taken into custody without incident, according to police. Investigators said the guns Murray had in the vehicle are not illegal to possess, but it is illegal to transport loaded firearms in a car and to have a concealed weapon without a permit.

Murray was booked on two counts of threatening to commit a crime which will result in great bodily injury and an additional count of spousal abuse.

Public workshop on cliffside benches set

The Sunset Cliffs Natural Park

Council (SCNPC) will hold a public workshop on the cliffside benches issue from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. at the Cabrillo Recreation Center on Monday, Aug. 31.

The goals of the workshop are to study suitable bench designs and the city's proposed locations for the replacement benches.

Following the Aug. 3 SCNPC meeting, a temporary hold was put on the removal of the benches by city workers to allow the park council to bring ideas about design and location of future benches to the SCNPC's regularly scheduled Sept. 14 meeting.

The ideas and input developed by SCNPC members and residents will be presented to city representatives for possible adoption.

The Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council also formed an ad hoc committee that met Aug. 9 to discuss these issues on a broader

For more information, contact SCNPC vice chair Barbara Keiller at (619) 223-2784.



The fate of the OB holiday float known as the Polar Express is in question.

Plea issued to save popular OB holiday float

The Polar Express float, an annual Peninsula holiday favorite in the Ocean Beach Christmas Parade, is in danger of leaving the station if local storage space

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ing. Explosives were placed forward and aft to sink her. The plan was to blow holes in both sides of the bow below the waterline, and then blow holes in the stern. This systematic opening of the hull allowed water to fill both the port and starboard sides simultaneously, allowing the ship to settle upright. Unfortunately, the plan was never executed. That night swells rocked the ship, allowing water to enter the holes cut low to the waterline. Shortly after midnight, her bow headed for the bottom. Rolling over on her port side, the stern stuck up in the air and it too sank to the bottom 100 feet below."

North County dive sites are generally very exposed to swell and therefore only diveable when the surf is small. From Fletcher Cove to Cardiff Reef, Pipe's, Swami's and Moonlight Beach, there are ample places to check out in North County when the conditions are right.

Point Loma dive sites are exclusively boat access sites. There are a number of local charter boats that regularly take dive groups out to tour the local waters. The most popular Point Loma trips are those to the kelp beds or ancient sea

San Diego's average shore diving visibility in the La Jolla area, where most of the area shore diving occurs, is 15 to 20 feet; however, it can range from 2 to 30 or 40 feet. The water temperature varies substantially; generally, the summer surface will be high 60s to low 70s, summer depth will be low 60s to high 60s. The winter surface will be high 50s to low 60s, with winter depth in the very low 50s to high

Whether you're an avid local DiveBums.com.

scuba diver or can appreciate what's down below the water's surface but prefer dry land, Dive-Bums.com is a San Diego-based dive site with all things scuba diving. The site details San Diego dive sites, reports current conditions, showcases a photo identification guide and shares photos and underwater videos of local wrecks and creatures.

The allure of the DiveBums.com site is the photos, whether you're a diver or not. San Diego's professional and novice underwater photographers and videographers submit photos for consideration as photos of the week. A chance encounter with a gray whale in La Jolla Cove (January 2007) graces the home page of the site, but regular submissions include the likes of a soupfin shark seen off Shell Beach in La Jolla, a photo of what seems like miles of sand dollars taken at La Jolla Shores or a copper rockfish captured at Point Loma's ancient sea cliffs.

"There are a lot of different places to go [diving in San Diego County]," Welchons said. "You can go all up and down the coast -Carlsbad, Cardiff Reef — boat diving, Yukon, Ruby E, El Rey, Los Coronados. There's a lot of different variety and a lot of different skill levels that could be dove in San Diego County."

If you're interested in getting certified, Hatter, who's been diving for the last six-plus years and now teaches four to five times a week, can be reached at padicake7@yahoo.com or by calling (703) 869-5617.

"It's definitely a lesson in learning and an application of patience safety comes first, patience second and fun next," Hatter said. "The only pressure you'll feel in my classes is what's in the tank on your

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is not found for its parts before

Sept. 1, according the float's builders.

The intricate float's parts are currently being housed at a hangar at Gillespie Field. If help does not arrive in securing a new storage area, the Polar Express will be moved to Coronado, where a local business has provided storage space upon the urging of the Coronado Chamber of Commerce.

'If people want to see it back in Ocean Beach again, someone needs to step up," said Bob Sherman, one of the builders of the float. "It would be a neat thing to try to save and to have that [tradition] continue for future Christmas parades."

Sherman is looking for a Peninsula family or business with a 10-by-12 storage space that can be made available to store the float's parts. Sherman said parts include eight wooden drive wheels, 4-by-8 sheets of plastic, a 6-foot boiler front, a 7-foot cowcatcher and a large amount of miscellaneous lumber.

"We need something on a more permanent basis at least for a few years," Sherman said. "We can't keep moving it around because it takes a team of people."

Peninsula residents or businesses with the available storage space are urged to call Sherman at (619) 847-1122 or e-mail him at bshermancnest@yahoo.com before Sept. 1.

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routes and the local businesses, said during his three-minute time allotment.

Pedersen said he is continuing to pass out fliers to all Point Loma residents along the proposed truck meeting will be held Sept. 9 from 7 route corridors.

The flier briefly outlines the project and raises his concerns surrounding it, including personal safety, decline in property value and Point Loma quality of life and

what he said is the failure of elected officials to represent local resi-

"My remedy for this is call a churches and schools," Pedersen meeting and have all of us invited," Pedersen said. "They should invite you personally with a letter to your house."

> The BUDG project community to 8 p.m. at the Hervey/Point Loma Library on 3701 Voltaire St.

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Pedi-cabs in the spotlight amid holiday misfortune

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN

Miller, a retired Sherman, Ill. teacher here for an education conference, cast a pall over a relatively safe holiday weekend in the city. The Illinois Education Association activist, 60, was riding with a friend in a pedi-cab on the Martin Luther King Promenade — an area near the Convention Center in which pedi-cabs are prohibited when she fell out of the vehicle and hit her head on the pavement following what police call an "unsafe movement" by the driver. She was declared brain-dead on Sunday, July 5 and was kept on life support pending organ donation.

Prosecutors have so far declined to file charges against the driver, 23-yearold Turkish national Sukru Safa Cinar, who arrived in the U.S. June 18 on a fourmonth work visa. He had leased the vehicle from Shakespeare Pedicab of San

Meanwhile, the case has prompted a wave of concern by members of City Council, who on July 28 passed regulations banning the threewheeled taxis from sidewalks and from streets with speed limits greater than 25 miles per hour. They would also cap the number of pedicabs at 250, require drivers to carry proof of insurance and limit the number of the vehicles in high-traffic areas. Council has also said this isn't the end of the matter.

Better too late than never. The thing is, those proposals were drafted more than a year ago amid a proliferation of pedi-cabs and the lack of controls that followed. In 2008, the city issued 643 pedi-cab operator permits, nearly 400 more than the pending regulation would allow. And as Petco Park opened in 2004, the city OK'd an ordinance allowing pedi-cabbies to operate before and after Padres games on Island Avenue but not on nearby Market Street - yet the city's Event Traffic Management Plan reportedly suggests that the cabs can use Market but not Island

This lack of control is legendary in a city that began to regulate its pedi-cab

The July 4 death of Sharon industry through its municipal code, the Port of San Diego and the San Diego Harbor Police, apparently without much conviction, all the way back in 2000. Five years later, when it acknowledged in a report that "There are currently too many jurisdictions regulating pedi-cabs, with different operating rules, fees and requirements," the city was set to transfer oversight to the Metropolitan Transit System — a transfer that never materialized. And currently, operators aren't even required to have a California driver's license, the standard ID in everyday city

It's been almost two months since Miller's death and more than nine months since the last election year ended (presumably, the new regs weren't terribly vital talking points during the campaigns). Meanwhile, Miller's widower Gary, a director of the National Education Association's Illinois chapter, is left to fend for himself amid the free-for-all that ensues in an industry desperately out of kilter with its peaceful urban surrounding.

In late 2008, a Connecticut man celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary died in Seattle when the pedi-cab in which he and his wife were riding met up with a van and a scooter (the pedi-cab driver ran a red light).

Two months ago, three passengers and a driver were injured when the latter's pedi-cab, reportedly traveling down an especially steep slope, slammed into an oncoming taxi on Brooklyn's Williamsburg Bridge (according to one witness, the vehicle's front wheel was "embedded" in the driver's face).

Both cities have jumped hard on the upshot, with promises of beefed-up regulations on all fronts. Let's hope they make good on their declarations - and above all, let's trust that San Diego will lead the way.

— Martin Jones Westlin is editor of Downtown News, a sister publication of The Peninsula Beacon.

GUEST COMMENTARY

My husband and me: 38 years on the same page

By NATASHA JOSEFOWITZ

Herman Gadon was born in Worcester, Mass. He lost both parents at the age of 6, and to avoid putting him in an orphanage, some distant relatives took him in. The year was 1930. There were already six children in the house and an extra mouth to feed was not very welcome. Herman's two younger brothers were shipped off to relatives in another state, and his older sister went to live with a friend.

Because Herman was shy and quiet, he was called "the dummy" and made fun of. There was no love in the family. When he graduated from high school as valedictorian, first in his class, and gave the class commencement address, no one from this family came to his graduation. He was sent to secretarial school so that he could earn a living, but soon after he joined the U.S. Navy, serving in the Pacific for three years during World War II as a lieutenant (junior grade). His ship was hit by a kamikaze, but he survived. When he came home to discover that a younger member of that family had died, he was greeted by the mother with "The wrong boy died." He turned around and went out, never to see them again.

The Navy sent him to Dartmouth, where he graduated in 1947 summa cum laude with a scholarship to MIT, where he earned his Ph.D. in economics in 1953.

After graduation and a stint as a manager for a cable company, he opted for the challenge of being part of the founding faculty of a new business school: the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire. While there, he also became a labor arbitrator, and over 16 years he wrote many landmark

Sent by Harvard and MIT, he started new business schools in Calcutta — where he lived for two years — as well as Teheran, Amsterdam and IMEDE, International Management Development Institute in Lausanne, Switzerland, where we met. I was teaching social work at the University of Lausanne. We were introduced to form a consulting team for local hospitals that were having management problems. After working together for a year and a half, we fell in love and, although each of us had been mardecided that we were unwilling to live without each other. So, when his bed. Herman returned to teach at his old faculty position at the University of ate and caring. He was loved and

as an assistant professor of man-

Herman introduced flexible working hours to the U.S., having done research in Europe, and wrote the first article on it for the Harvard Business Review and a book, 'Alternative Work Schedules."

We co-authored a textbook "Effective Behavior in Organizations" — and "Fitting In: How to Get a Good Start in Your New Job."

After seven years in New Hampshire, Herman and I took a sabbatical leave in La Jolla, where a friend rented us a house. After spending a winter here, the New Hampshire climate became very unappealing, and as San Diego State was hiring, we split a full-time position as professors at the school of business.

Then, in 1983, UCSD hired Herman as a director of a new course for their continuing education program EPSE (Executive Program for Scientists and Engineers). Herman won a national award for the most creative new course in the country. The program still exists today.

We team-taught courses, coauthored articles and books, consulted to various organizations together and were the first couple to join the Rotary Club. After retiring, we traveled the world while I lectured on cruise ships.

In 2006, we moved to the White Sands of La Jolla, a retirement community, where we walked on the beach and joined residents attending concerts and plays. I became president of our new community, Herman joined the arts committee, and we were both active participants in our new life, making many new friends.

When Herman became ill with metastatic prostate cancer, cards, flowers and offers to drive or shop for us came flowing in from both our old and new friends. He spent his last days on the continuing care floor, surrounded by White Sands family, friends and a helpful staff. The advantage of this is that I could continue living in our apartment two floors below. His room overried for 25 years to other people, we looked the ocean and he would watch surfers and beachgoers from

Herman was gentle, compassion-

New Hampshire, I joined him there respected by all who knew him and will be terribly missed by his two daughters, Nicole, who is a teacher, and Margaret, who is a doctor, and his son John, who is a lawyer. He was wise, and I never made any decision without consulting him. He was my best friend, who even liked shopping with me and said I looked beautiful in whatever old, unbecoming stuff I happened to be wearing. We spent the last 38 years being always on the same page, uncannily reacting to the world in exactly the same way. It was easy being married to Herman.

I will have to learn to open jars by myself, fix the computer, play DVDs, glue and hammer, recycle, do tax returns, carry the groceries, travel alone and sit without him in the-

I will have to reinvent myself as a single person. I don't know yet how to do that. I am blessed to be living in a caring and loving community.

We were always joined at the hip. With his going away, I will be left with a limp for the rest of my life.

— Natasha Josefowitz is a regular columnist for La Jolla Village News, a sister publication of The Peninsula Beacon.

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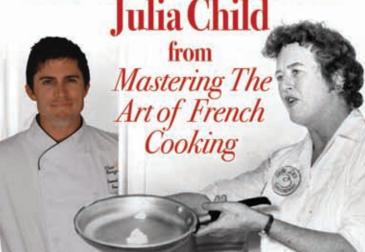
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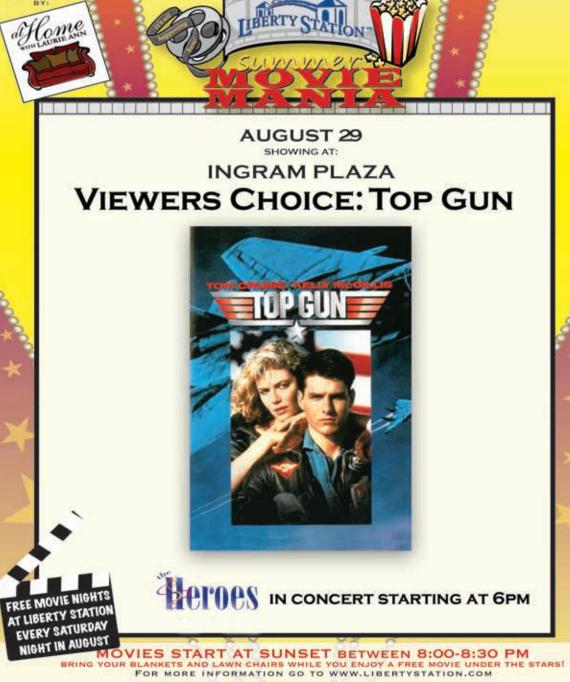
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Chargers history film reels in golden moments of Bolts' past glories

By DAVE THOMAS | THE BEACON

While they have never won the big prize since the AFL and NFL merged, the San Diego Chargers have had a number of prized moments over the years.

An AFC championship in the 1994-

game has seen in the likes of Dan Fouts, Lance Alworth, Junior Seau, the country—these are just some of the great things the San Diego Chargers have witnessed over the years.

NFL Films and Warner Home

95 season, some of the top players the Video will highlight some of the able on the team's website, team's best moments with the world premiere of "San Diego and some of the most devoted fans in Chargers: The Complete History" on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at the UltraStar Theater at Hazard Center.

Tickets are \$10 and avail-

www.chargers.com. Fans may also buy tickets at the theater if seats are available.

"This film is a 'can't miss' for true Chargers fans," Chargers Executive Vice President A.G. Spanos said in a release. "Nobody documents the sheer drama and excitement of the NFL better than NFL Films. It's going to be a memorable night and a great way to kick off our season."

NFL Films senior producer David Plaut, who was born in San Diego and raised a Chargers fan, worked briefly for the team in the 1960s.

"This is a unique opportunity for Charger fans to relive some of the best moments in Charger history on the giant screen. We are truly excited to be part of this exclusive, onenight-only event," added Damon Rubio, vice president of operations for UltraStar Cinemas.

While no one quite knows how this season will unfold, there is no doubt a strong history with the Bolts and their fans.



A little Torrey Pines tutoring

Professional golfer Paula Creamer watches as Lorenzo Villela swings away at Creamer's Pink Golf Clinic on Aug. 24 at Torrey Pines Golf Course. Creamer was at Torrey Pines promoting the Samsung World Championship, which will be held at the South Course from Sept. 16-20. Creamer is defending champion of the event that features 20 of the top female golfers in the world. For more informa-PHOTO BY ANTHONY GENTILE I THE BEACON tion or tickets, visit www.samsung.com/golf.

By DAVE THOMAS | THE BEACON

Surf Diva Surf School in La Jolla is enjoying a new twist this summer with its recent unveiling of a new surf division, What'SUP, specifically for standup paddle (SUP) surf-

Known to the originators as Hoe he'e nalu, standup paddleboarding is an ancient form of surfing that can be traced back to ancient Polynesia.

Standup paddleboarding, or SUP, has long been recognized in Hawaii as a great way to get a workout on a flat day. It has also evolved into a new surfing variation for those who want a fun activity with instant success and an easy learning curve.

In the teaching business for 14 years, Surf Diva is one of the first schools in San Diego to offer lessons and rentals of SUP boards through its new What'SUP program. What'-Hawaii and Australia who are its worldwide reputation.

What'SUP teaches all ages, including kids, since the program is open to anyone who can swim. Coowner Izzy Tihanyi noted that women seem to learn to balance on the boards a bit easier than most men. According to Tihanyi, Surf Diva has taught many couples where the husband is a great surfer and the wife is just starting out. But on an SUP they are on an even playing field and the ladies just love it.

The Beacon recently caught up with Tihanyi and talked about this newest offering at Surf Diva.

BCN: How did Surf Diva get involved with SUP?

Surf Diva awash in standup paddling Izzy Tihanyi: Surf Diva has always been on the cutting edge of surfing technology. And about four years ago, I was surfing at Point Dune with Laird Hamilton and saw him standup paddleboarding (SUP) perfect little peeling waves. SUPing is more evolved than surfing. As a lifelong surfer, I feel that SUP is the next step in the evolution of surfing. Some people, as with anything new and revolutionary, some people are wary of it. But one thing, most people are hooked.

> BCN: Where do you see SUP going in the next year as far as its popularity, and tournaments around the world and locally?

Tihanyi: The popularity of SUP is booming because we find that many women are excited to try paddleboarding. Women are the future of paddleboarding. SUP will become the next fitness craze in SUP features male and female the U.S. You don't have to live on instructors from as far away as the coast to participate. SUP is helping out the surf industry in this drawn to this program because of recession as it is bringing new participants to the sport. You don't need to know how to surf to learn how to SUP in flat water (in order to SUP in the surf, you need to be a good surfer).

> BCN: Anything else readers should know about SUP?

Tihanyi: You definitely need to learn SUP from an instructor. There are many safety rules to learn. You can easily injure your shoulders and arm if you paddle incorrectly, so it's a good investment to start off with an instructor who will tell you the length of paddle you need and techniques to prevent injury.

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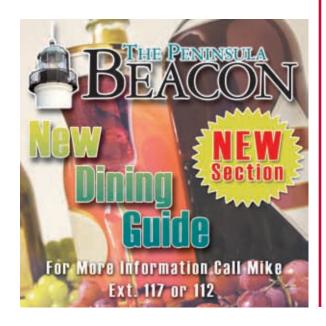
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Coco and Lafe make musical statements

BY BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

With it's mix of sun, surf and hospitality, Ocean Beach is a haven for artists of all types. The recent album "Waves: A Compilation Featuring Ocean Beach Music" available locally at Cow records and other retailers — showcases some of the area's finest longtime musicians. Among those standout artists is Coco and Lafe, a pair of turned in one of the album's highlights: "Ocean Beach."

Originally from Vermont, the acoustic duo of Lafe Dutton and Carolyn Kallis split their time between Ocean Beach and the East

Although Coco and Lafe, who perform at Seaport Village throughout September and at The Ocean Beach Farmers Market on Sept. 23, are fairly recent San a sour grapes thing because we Diego transplants, Dutton has been visiting the city for several decades and feels a strong connection.

general sales manager during the late '80s, Dutton would visit his best friend in Ocean Beach.

"I used to come out every three months and stay for a week or so, and I just fell in love with the the songs on all these albums on Street" (2008). those visits."



recent transplants who have Coco and Lafe, who are among the artists featured on a recent CD about Ocean Beach music, perform at Seaport Village through September. PHOTO BY RICHARD POLLARD

had already come out and met with producer Chuck Schiele about recording," Dutton said. "At the last minute, our financing fell through. So we thought we weren't going to make it to San Diego and we were really bummed. I sat down and wrote 'Ocean Beach' as weren't coming.'

The song can also be found on their new album "Café Loco." Working for Warner Bros. as a Dutton said he is thrilled with the duo's decision to record at Schiele's StudiOB. The pair had each released a solo album, "Am I Gone" by Dutton and "Environmental Songs for Kids" by Kallis, as well as a two Coco and Lafe releasplace," Dutton said. "I wrote half es "Jacuzzi" (2007) and "Dream

Meanwhile, Kallis was also an Ironically, the song "Ocean in-demand backing singer, appear-Beach" was written in Boston. ing twice on "Late Night with

"We were on the East Coast and Conan O'Brien" with Rebecca Pidgeon. When it came time to make a new album, though they were used to recording on the East Coast, they found the climate there a little chilly.

"We had shopped for recording studios in Boston," Dutton said. "We had a five-figure budget but nobody called us back. Nobody seemed excited about what we were doing. So we thought, 'Okay, let's try studios in San Diego."

He eventually called Schiele for advice on the matter and ended up meeting the perfect producer for his next album in the process. Schiele, who is building a reputation for his hands-on studio approach, a la Mutt Lange or George Martin, became an integral part of the duo's music, helping Coco and Lafe craft their third

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Four play hundreds in wildly entertaining 'The 39 Steps'

BY CHARLENE BLADRIDGE | THE BEACON

A recent viewing of Alfred Hitchcock's film is not a prerequisite, but it deepens one's appreciation of "The 39 Steps," which opened in mid-August at La Jolla Playhouse.

The evolution of the stage work is extremely complex. Suffice it to say that this stage adaptation by Patrick Barlow is based on Simon Corble and Nobby Dimon's original concept, which was based on John Buchan's novel.

Barlow's adaptation is based more on the 1935 Hitchcock film than on the novel. Playgoers don't really need to know that, either.

To further complicate matters, the Playhouse production is shared with Seattle Repertory where it will play prior to the commencement of a separate national tour.

Meanwhile, the much-nominated New York production continues at Broadway's Helen Hayes Theatre, and the 2007 Laurence Olivier Award-winning London production also continues.

Forget all that, and hie thee to the Playhouse for a ripping good time. The concept is that the 100-plus characters in the film are all played by three men and one woman.

Ted Deasy portrays Richard Hannay, a lonely 37-year-old

London bachelor who goes to the theater and becomes the target of an international spy ring when he harbors an opposing spy named Annabella (Claire Brownell), who is murdered by two men (Eric Hissom and Scott Parkinson).

Brownell plays two other women in the story, a kindly farmer's wife and the sophisticated blond, Pamela, who blows the whistle on Hannay not once but twice before discovering he's not Annabella's murderer. He is telling the truth about the sinister 39 Steps spy ring, which is trying to kill him and smuggle secrets out of the

Hissom and Parkinson, sometimes in the twinkle of a hat, portray farmers, hoteliers, policemen and spies. Hissom's portrayal of the Farmer is especially fetching. Both are excellent vocalists and dazzling physical comics.

Young Bowman, a Montana native and a graduate of San Francisco's American Conservatory Theatre, comes to this production direct from Broadway, where she understudied the female roles, having played in "The 39 Steps" at Huntington Theatre.

Deasy assays the less dazzling but equally important role of Hannay, a fast thinker and long-distance runner who eludes the opposition repeatedly, at the 11th hour handcuffed to Pamela, with whom he falls

Barlow's clever adaptation of all the others' adaptations and of the film itself manages to include many other Hitchcock titles in the dialogue. Director of this magnificent display of actors' gifts is the impressive Maria Aitken, a high comedy expert who staged the West End and Broadway productions of "The 39 Steps" and who has extensive credits in both the U.K. and U.S. as an actor, director and teacher.

True to tradition, the production is staged to maximum effect with a minimum of accouterments: a few trunks, odd pieces of furniture, a lamp post, a lectern that becomes a drive shaft and human torsos that become the landscape of Scotland. Set and costumes are designed by Peter McKintosh, lighting design by Kevin Adams, and sound design by Mic [sic]

"The 39 Steps" is wildly entertaining and an excellent addition to the Playhouse campus, where one may witness another brilliant sleight of hand in "Herringbone," a one-man tour de force musical starring BD Wong as everyone.

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'Sunset Limited' steeped in intensity

BY KATE KOWSH | THE BEACON

The timeless question of what is black and white when it comes to issues of faith, hope and love will soon be turned on its head.

That age-old struggle will be brought home when The Ministries of Vanguard Theatre of Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Passion Players of Holy Trinity Parish of Ocean Beach World Anglican Communion launch their latest dramatic production, "The Sunset Limited" a production set to premiere Friday, Aug. 28 at 8 p.m.

Written by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Cormac McCarthy, who also wrote the novel upon which the 2007 blockbuster "No Country for Old Men" was based, the production will run only one weekend in Point Loma.

Presented as an intense and poignant staged reading, "The Sunset Limited" will likely get audiences thinking about what symbols they associate with good and bad, according to John H.

Cochran, the show's producer and director. Cochran also plays the part of Black, one of the play's two-character cast.

Retired Westminster Presbyterian Church pastor Mikel Taxer plays the part of White, the production's other character, according to Cochran.

Those are symbols to represent his struggles with his [Black's] journey through life with faith or without faith," Cochran explained.

These two characters get manifested as two men who have been through life in a very difficult way and have found themselves confronting themselves with not having any faith and wanting to kill themselves," he

Cochran said he expects the public to be taken by surprise by the production's opening scene.

"The play starts out with Black saving White from jumping in front of The Sunset Limited, which is a subway train in New York," Cochran said. "I hope [the

audience] will find the message of faith, hope and love that comes of this.'

Cochran said there are festive plans for the production's opening night Friday that will include hors d'oeuvres and drinks at 7

The production takes place at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3598 Talbot St.

The admission price for the production's premiere and gala on Aug. 28 is \$25, and the curtain will go up at 8 p.m., according to Cochran.

For the performances later in the weekend, the show starts at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29 and at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 30.

Tickets for these performances are \$15 for general admission and \$12 for seniors and military

For more information and to purchase tickets, call (619) 222-0365. Tickets are also available for purchase at the door. More information is available at www.westminstersd.org.

'Theatre on the Point' features new production

The Point Loma Actors Workshop will launch the second annual "Theatre on the Point" with a free outdoor production of Moliere's "The Forced Marriage" - a stage experience to be performed at Shelter Island and in Ocean Beach.

The show, directed by Hannah Ryan, will take place Friday, Aug. 28 and Saturday, Aug. 29 on Shelter Island, followed by performances on Friday, Sept. 4 and Saturday, Sept. 5 in Ocean Beach. All performances will begin at 6 p.m.

The Shelter Island shows take place at the south end near the Japanese friendship bell, while the Ocean Beach productions will be held at the OB Recreation Center at the corner of Ebers Street and Saratoga Avenue.

The productions are family ori-

ented and participants are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs.

Parking is available at the end of Shelter Island Drive and on sidestreets adjacent to Ebers Street in Ocean Beach.

For more information, call (619) 225-0044, or visit www.pointlomaactors.com.

Sock hop and concert slated at Liberty Station

Liberty Station Marketplace will host an old-fashioned sock hop and a live concert featuring Pink Army on Friday, Sept. 4.

Pink Army is made up of three talented teenage girls who play pop and hip-hop tunes. The concert begins at 5 p.m. in the east courtyard of the Liberty Station Marketplace.

At 6 p.m., DJ Oliver Bocayo will bring out the hits from the '50s and '60s and play nonstop music for sock-hop dancing until 8 p.m.

The event takes place at 2400 Historic Decatur Road at Liberty Station.

For more information, call 335-0221, or (619)www.libertystation.com.

three weeks there in the last two

years," Dutton said. "Our goal is to

buy a house here in Ocean Beach

and make this our more perma-

nent base. It's such a musical com-

munity and people are so giving

and welcoming. The music scene is

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album "Café Loco."

"We are so much better musidown and said things like 'Change the key here,' 'Rewrite this verse,' and so on, making our songs stronger."

Key to the pair's decision to base themselves locally part-time was outgoing

"He started introducing us to other local musicians," Dutton said. "There are so many great players here and everyone was wonderful to us. It was inspiring."

The pair has found a unique cians today because Chuck sat us niche for themselves, preferring to primarily play in farmers markets. They have now established a tour route for themselves that keeps them on the road for over 200 dates a year.

> "As to why we do farmers markets ... and NOT clubs is, we asked

ourselves what would be the opposite of what every other musician was doing," Lafe said.

The answer the pair came up with was outdoor markets. According to Kallis, there are many advantages to making these sorts of concerts their mainstay.

"First off, it's wonderful to play outside," Kallis said. "It's festive people from all over the world. But one of the advantages of doing what we're doing is that, instead

of trying to get the people to come to us, we go to where the people are. We've built a really good fan base that way.'

The pair are already booked for

the next year. Though the foreseeable future sees them on an endless tour schedule, they do plan to lay down new roots eventually.

For the moment, the couple is and we meet such a great mix of bicoastal but they hope to shift their efforts west as soon as possible. "We own a house in Vermont,

but we've spent a grand total of

Coco and Lafe perform at Seaport Village throughout September. The shows are for all ages and there is no cover charge. For more information, visit www.cocolafe.-

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Monday, Aug. 31, 6 to 8 p.m., the Ocean Beach Branch Library Book Club discusses "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by David Wroblewski. The library is located at 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 8, free sewing classes offered for all skill levels. Classes are held at the West City Center, 3249 Fordam St. For more information, call (619) 588-2244, e-mail jmckenna@sdccd.edu or check the blog www.sewnproductsdiva.blogspot.

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m., Suzy Spafford, an Ocean Beach/Point Loma resident who has achieved success in the greeting-card industry and spinoff products, presents "An Evening at Suzy's Zoo." The free event takes place at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 531-1539.

HEALTH

Monday, Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Point Loma Nazarene

University hosts the San Diego Blood Bank bloodmobile in the parking lot of the gym, 3900 Lomaland Drive. For more information, call (800) 479-3902, ext.

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1:30 to 10 p.m., Rite Aid hosts the San Diego Blood Bank bloodmobile in the parking lot, 4840 Niagara Ave. For more information, call (800) 479-3902, ext. 0.

SCHOOLS

CORREIA

• Saturday, Aug. 29, 9 a.m. to noon, students and community members are invited to the school's Cleanup and Beautification Day at the campus. Students receive three hours of credit toward community service.

DANA

- Aug. 27-28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., preregistration for new students (registration not necessary for 5th-graders coming from Point Loma cluster schools except students from Barnard Elementary).
- Friday, Sept. 4, 11 a.m., incoming 6th-grade orientation; 1:30 p.m., incoming 5th-grade orientation.
- Monday, Sept. 7, Labor Day holiday, no classes.
- Tuesday, Sept. 8, 9:05 a.m., first day of school.

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- Friday, Aug. 28, 12:15 p.m., dismissal.
- Tuesday, Sept. 1, 7 p.m., PTG meeting.
 - Friday, Sept. 4, 12:15 p.m.,

dismissal.

- Monday, Sept. 7, no school.
- Tuesday, Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m., Back to School Night for grades kindergarten, 7 and 8.
- Thursday, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m., Back to School Night for grades 1-6.
- Friday, Sept. 11, 8th-grade pin Mass.
- Friday, Sept. 11, second annual golf tournament at Sail Ho Golf Course. For more information, call (619) 218-3042.

SENIORS

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m. to noon, Sharp Senior Resource Center hosts a free session on "Early Memory Loss: Tools for Successful Living" by the community education manager of the Alzheimer's Association. The program takes place at the Sharp Memorial Outpatient Pavilion, classroom B, 3075 Health Center Drive. Registration is required by calling (800) 827-4277. For more information, visit www.sharp.com.

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 10 to 11 a.m., Sharp Senior Resource Center hosts a free session on "Making the Most of Your Doctor's Visit" at the Sharp Memorial Outpatient Pavilion, classroom B, 3075 Health Center Drive. Registration is required by calling (800) 827-4277. For more information, visit www.sharp.com.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Aug. 28-30, Westminster Presbyterian Church presents "The Sunset Limited," a two-actor novel in dramatic form written by Cormac McCarthy and directed by John Cochran. Performances and prices are: Friday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m. gala and 8 p.m. curtain (\$25); Saturday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. (\$15); Sunday, Aug. 30, 7 p.m. (\$15). The production takes place at Westminster Presbyterian, 3598 Talbot St. For more information or tickets, call (619) 208-

Getting on board

annual Tony Mezzadri Surf Classic. The event is named for the man who is helping to raise money and awareness for spinal cord research after suffering paralysis in a surfing accident at the pier years ago. Money raised from the surf classic goes to benefit the University of California, San Diego Center for Neural Repair's spinal cord regeneration program. COURTESY PHOTO BY JIM GRANT

Surfers took to the water near the Ocean Beach Pier on Aug. 15 for the 16th

4903. For more information about the production, visit www.cormacmccarthy.com.

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.

VENUES

Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, (619) 224-3577

• Friday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m., Dave

Koz & Brian Culbertson side by side tour with Peabo Bryson. Tickets are \$68.

- Sunday, Aug. 30, 7:30 p.m., Susan Tedeschi performs. Tickets are \$42.
- Friday, Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m., Bob Weir and RatDog perform with special guest Jackie Greene. Tickets are \$60.
- Thursday, Sept. 10, 8 p.m., Sinbad performs. Tickets are \$37.
- Friday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m., Air Supply and Christopher Cross perform. Tickets are \$60.
- Thursday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m., Bonnie Raitt and Taj Mahal perform together and separately. Tickets are \$89.25.
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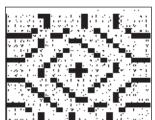
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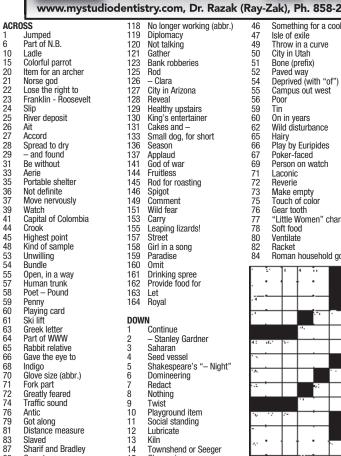








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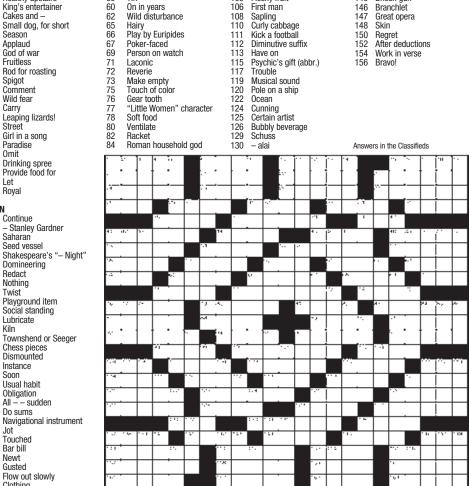
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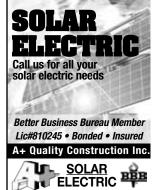
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