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#### CENTENNIAL OF HERITAGE

# 100 years of Portuguese culture on parade May 23

#### If you go

- Friday, May 21, 5:30 p.m., Flag raising and opening of the Festa Bazaar, featuring Portuguese music, folkloric dancing and delicacies; 8 p.m., family youth dance in the main hall; 9 p.m., Music by Os Navegadores.
- Saturday, May 22, 4 p.m., dedication Mass and crowning for the Festa 2010 volunteers in the outside tent; 5:30 p.m., bazaar reopens until 11 p.m., music by Filarmónica União Portuguesa de San Diego and Artesia D.E.S. Filarmónica; 6:30 p.m., procession to Saint Agnes Church, accompanied by Artesia D.E.S. Filarmónica; 7 p.m., Novena at Saint Agnes Church with musical selections by the Saint Agnes choir; candlelight procession back to the main hall accompanied by Artesia D.E.S. Filarmónica, followed by the blessing of the kitchen and food and special crownings of the kitchen staff.
- Sunday, May 23, 9 a.m., parade formation for all participants at the U.P.S.E.S. Hall; 10 a.m., parade departs to Saint Agnes Church; 11 a.m., celebration of the Solemn High Mass and coronation of Her Royal Majesty Queen Karinna Evelina Feliciano, His Royal Majesty King Joshua Michael Feliciano and all 2010 royalty; musical selections by the Portuguese Choir; 11:30 a.m., bazaar reopens; open seating will be available for sopas throughout the day; noon, parade departs Saint Agnes, returning to the U.P.S.E.S. Hall for the queen's luncheon; open-air concert featuring Filarmónica Portuguesa do Chino, Artesia DES Filarmónica and Filarmónica União Portuguesa de San Diego continues in the bazaar, along with performances by the Rancho Folclórico Vira Virou of Newark, Groupo Etnógráfico Espirito Santa Vale de São Joaquim, Groupo Folclórico Mar Bravo Casa dos Açores de Hilmar; 6:30 p.m., Queen's Ball with presentation of the past Festa presidents and past Festa queens and 2010 royal court; dancing to music by Rapaziada until midnight; Super Magnetic performs in the outside tent from 6 to 10 p.m. Attire is semi-formal.



A crowd of more than 300 people turned out at the Tunaman's Memorial on Shelter Island on May 16 to recite the rosary and enjoy fireworks to kick of the 100th anniversary celebration of the Festa do Divino Espirito Santo. The event was held at the memorial in honor of San Diego's tunamen who started the local Festa.

By PATRICIA M. WALSH | THE BEACON

ike St. Patrick's Day — when everyone is a wee bit Irish and enjoys the wearin' o' the green — people throughout Point Loma trumpet their twice-removed Portuguese heritage during the annual Feast of the Holy Spirit, or Festa — or at least turn out for the annual parade to marvel at the kaleidoscope of costumes and enjoy sopas and sweet bread.

The Festa do Divino Espirito Santo, San Diego's oldest ethnic tradition paying homage to faith, service and selflessness, hits the 100-year mark this weekend with glitz and glamour to guild an already opulent lilly of Portuguese culture, heritage and pageantry. The main event is the parade on Sunday, May 23 at 10 a.m. that makes its way from the United Portuguese S.E.S Hall to St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1140 Evergreen St. Here, the Festa queen and king are crowned during Mass.

In addition to this year's Festa queen, her royal court and the six weekly queens — all wearing at least 20 pounds of spectacularly handmade ica from Artesia and Chino will



Among the many volunteers making the 100th anniversary celebration of the Feast of the Holy Spirit possible are, from left: Andrea Calabrese, parade formation chair; Lucille Madruga, kitchen co-chair; Daniel Silva, prince consort; Karinna Evelina Feliciano, Festa queen; Gabe Leal, kitchen co-chair; Evelyn DaRosa Feliciano, centennial Festa president; Dinisa Valadao, Bazaar chair; Janee Isabella Feliciano, 2010 Festa Li'l Princess; and Joshua Michael Feliciano, Festa king. PHOTO BY PATRICIA M. WALSH I THE BEACON

Festa presidents and queens. The Por- the community rank and file of service tuguese American Dancers will entertain in traditional costumes. Filarmon-

gowns and capes and carrying crowns headline a bevy of bands. In step with - the parade will feature a float of past the theme of service and volunteerism, groups will be there: the Point Loma

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School board candidates, from left, Scott Barnett, Michelle Crisci and John de Beck during a May 13 forum at La Jolla High

# **SDUSD** board hopefuls spar over priorities

By JENNA FRAZIER | THE BEACON

The three candidates vying to represent the coastal stretches of the San Diego Unified School District answered questions submitted by the public and read by a moderator during a May 13 forum at La Jolla High School.

Six-term incumbent John de Beck, 80, joined challengers Scott Barnett, former PTA president and taxpayers advocate; and Michelle Crisci, a school psycholo-

The candidates took turns answering questions about their goals and priorities, hiring teachers based on seniority, managing budget cuts and school finance, granting more autonomy to local clusters and prioritizing funds for early, remedial and gifted education programs.

Citing what he described as 36 years of experience, de Beck said he is best qualified to improve student achievement, maintain a balanced budget and attract and retain a talented staff. The Bay Park resident proposed initiatives backed by research, he said, including whether class size reductions really do improve performance and, if so, how many fewer students contribute to the effect.

"I ask hard questions and I push hard, and I think the community wants that," de Beck said. "I'm not an establishment

SEE **SCHOOL**, Page 6

# **Tragedy strikes Point Loma's prominent Correia family**

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

The Correia family — one of the oldest and largest in Point Loma — was dealt a tragic blow earlier this month. Trevor Correia died May 9 from a fall while hiking in the Channel Islands National Park off the coast of Santa Barbara. Correia was hiking with three friends when the accident occurred.

"It's unfortunate that this happened. It was unexpected and it was a shock," said Trevor's grandmother, Beatrice Correia. "We're going to miss him."



Trevor Correia

held for the 22-year-Agnes Church in Point Loma. capacity to celebrate during the eulogy immediately follow-

ing the Mass.

"People just take a liking to him and become friends because he loved every-

A funeral Mass was body," Beatrice said.

Trevor moved to Point Loma when old Correia on Thurs- he was in the second grade, attending day, May 14 at St. Loma Portal Elementary School and Catholic Dana Middle School before graduating from Point Loma High School (PLHS) His friends and family in 2007. He was attending Santa Barfilled the church to bara City College and was recently accepted to the University of Califorhis life, sharing stories nia, Los Angeles. He had plans to attend UCLA this fall.

"He was easy to get along with and

SEE CORREIA, Page 9 Loma.



Mourners hug one another during a funeral Mass for Point Loma resident Trevor Correia on May 14 at St. Agnes Catholic Church. The Correias are among the oldest families in Point PHOTO BY JIM GRANT I THE BEACON

#### Announcing the 16th Annual Peninsula Beacon A

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Enter your best photo portraying the Peninsula area taken in the past year. Photos will be displayed at the Beacon booth during the June Ocean Beach Street Fair. The public will vote for their favorite pictures. Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 photos & winning photos will be published in the Beacon.

HURRY! Deadline for entries is Tuesday, June 18th, 2010 Photos taken over the past year (June '09–June '10 may be entered!

Entries may be dropped off at: The Beacon Offices 4645 Cass St., Pacific Beach (Across from the Post Office) or Mailed to: The Beacon ATTN: Photo Contest, PO BOX 9550, San Diego, CA 92169

# Last-minute donations rescue city's fire pits

By JENNA FRAZIER | THE BEACON

District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer joined Mayor Jerry Sanders in announcing May 10 that San Diego's fire pits will survive another fiscal year, thanks to last-minute donations from the

ture funds of City Councilmembers citywide had been raised. Faulconer and Sherri Lightner.

May 7, the deadline for Sanders' 2011 budget submission to the City Council,

San Diego Foundation, the La Jolla Com- when only \$2,800 of the required during better budget times we'll be able to munity Foundation and the infrastruc- \$120,500 to keep 186 fire pits in place restore the service."

"We will start making preparations for The outlook was bleak as of 1 p.m. on removal," said Rachel Laing, the mayor's press spokeswoman, on that day. "We are going to store the fire pits and hope that

In a triumphant address May 10, Sanders said he was pleased to announce the donors' commitment to the fire pits and to San Diego's families.

"Today, we see what happens when civic-minded folks step forward for the sake of the public good," he said.

Bob Kelly, president and CEO of The San Diego Foundation, said the cause aligns with the foundation's mission to make San Diego a better place in which to live, work and play.

"The preservation of the fire pits ensures that the celebration of families and friends around a campfire will continue. This is about our quality of life and why we live here," he said.

Ocean Beach Town Council President Jim Musgrove said that his community, as well, is pleased to hear the news.

"We are very pleased that the mayor, the councilmembers and the generous donors could resolve the issues and save the fire rings. We've already had an outpouring of 'hooray' e-mails," he said.

Lightner said she hopes all San Diego residents and visitors will take advantage of the fire pits, and she urged them to donate now so that the pits do not face the same threat next year.

"It costs \$650 to maintain one fire pit per year," she said. "I hope everyone will step up and sponsor a pit today so we can continue to offer this resource."

Faulconer echoed Lightner's words on the importance of accruing donations for next year, and said he was proud of the

of time. Faulconer helped broker the 11th-hour deal.

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The city's fire pits have a reprieve until the next round of funding need emerges on June 30 2011 PHOTO BY JIM GRANT I THE BEACON

team effort San Diego displayed in saving the fire pits for another year.

"We're not talking about a lot of money, but it's the small things that make San Diego special," he said. "Our fire pits are a part of that fabric."

In an effort to trim the city's budget, Sanders eliminated the funding to maintain the La Jolla Shores, Mission Bay and Ocean Beach fire pits in 2008. A private, anonymous donor funded the project for 18 months following that decision, and those funds expire June 30 of this year. The money collected for this year's maintenance will pay for the fire pits from July 1 this year to June 30, 2011.

Funding for the \$120,500 needed per year to fund the city's fire pits comes in the form of \$90,000 from The San Diego Foundation's Mission Bay Park Endowment Fund, \$4,700 from The La Jolla Community Foundation, \$16,452 from Faulconer's District 2, and \$6,452 from Lightner's district. An additional \$2,896 will be used from individual donors who gave to the Save The Fire Pit Fund.



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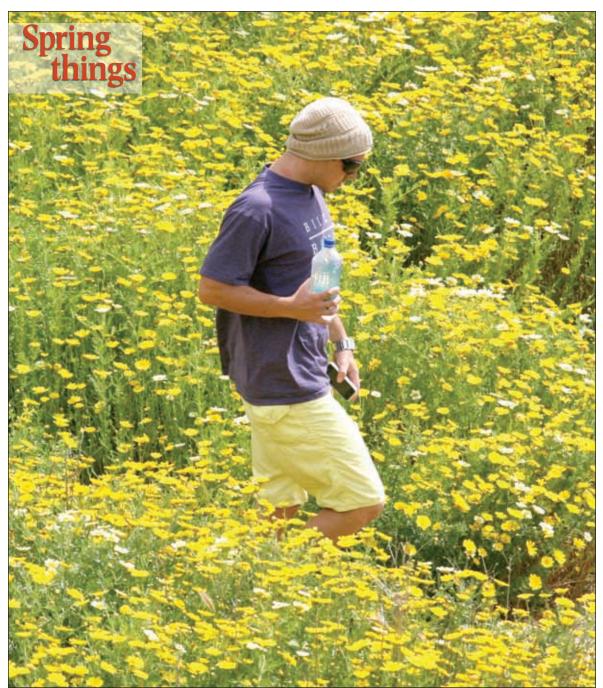


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**Point Loma** 



With spring rounding the curve toward summer, a hiker enjoys an explosion of colorful blooms along Sunset Cliffs recently.

# Shelter Island's sister-city symbol set to ring anew

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

The Yokohama Friendship Bell on Shelter Island is now a little friendlier. In February, the Port of San Diego restored the gift from San Diego's Japanese sister city as part of its major maintenance program.

"It had deteriorated and it was deemed time to repair it," said Allan Tait, the port's public art project manager. "It was put on a list of major maintenance projects that needed to be done and we were able to fund it this fiscal year."

The six-month, \$29,000 restoration project included new redwood rafters, sheathing, light fixtures, synthetic shingles and a new coat of paint for the bell house. Foundations and channel cubs surrounding the bell were also repaired to go along with the installation of a thyme ground cover in the surrounding landscape.

"We took out landscaping and we replaced it with landscaping we consulted with the Sister City Society on," Tait said. "We wanted to make sure any changes we made to it were something that a Japanese eye would appreciate."

The Friendship Bell was the first gift presented to San Diego from Yokohama in 1958 after the two signed a sister-city agreement in 1957. Of San Diego's 15 sister cities, it has had the longest relationship with the Japanese port city.

"The bell is a symbol of our eternal friendship," said San Diego-Yokohama

Sister City Society president Koneko Bishop. "We've had very meaningful exchanges over the 50 years."

In 1959, San Diego bestowed Yokohama with a replica of the El Camino Real Mission bell and added another nine bells for the cities' 25th anniversary in 1983. Other gifts over the years have included a black marble sculpture, a replica of the "Guardian of the Water" statue, a dogwood tree and exchanges of exotic animals from one city's zoo to

San Diego and Yokohama also started a youth exchange program in 2003. The program sends young professionals between cities in alternating fashion.

"It's an exchange program for the young professional who has worked for a nonprofit organization or the people who have worked in the social service or volunteer field," Bishop said. "We have sent people to Yokohama and the following year they send people to us."

With Yokohama's oldest gift to San Diegans restored, a new gift is on the way. "The Girl in Red Shoes," 40-inchtall bronze sculpture depicting a beloved Japanese children's story will be installed near the Friendship Bell in a public dedication on June 27.

"It's a take-off on a popular Japanese story," Tait said.

For more information about San Diego's relationship with Yokohama and the 14 other sister cities, visit http://tinyurl.com/sdsistercities.

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The Beacon's 16th annual Amateur Photo Contest is back! Enter your best photo portraying the Peninsula area taken in the past year. Photos will be displayed at The Peninsula Beacon booth during the Ocean Beach Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, June 26.

The public will vote for their favorite pictures. And it may just be yours!

Prizes will be awarded for the top three photos, which will be published in The Peninsula Beacon.

First place will earn a \$100 gift certificate to Nick's at the Pier and second- and third-place winners will receive a passport to Balboa Park museums and attractions (not including the San Diego Zoo), plus additional passes to the Museum of Photographic Arts.

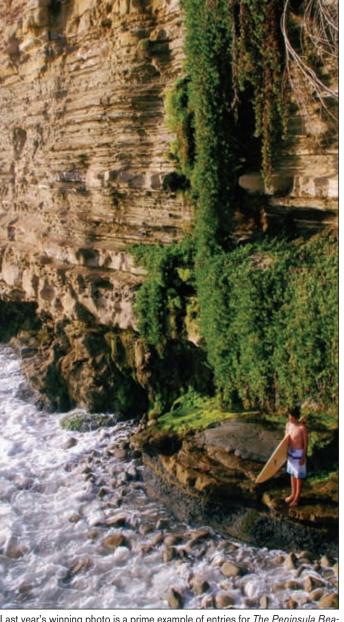
Only photos taken between June '09 and June '10 may be entered.

#### **Contest rules**

- Photos must be taken by an amateur photographer and must have been shot in the 92106 or 92107 ZIP codes between June 2009 and today. Possible locations include Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Shelter Island, Loma Portal or Sports Arena/Midway. The subjects of eligible photos may include anything in the area suitable for public viewing.
- Please do not e-mail photos, but mail them to the Beacon office at 4645 Cass St., Box 9550, San Diego, CA 92109
- Retouched or computer-enhanced photos will NOT be accepted.
- Color or black and white prints are eligible. Slides are not allowed. Entries should be no larger than 8 by 10 inches and not smaller than 3 by 5 inches. Please don't send a photo in a frame.
- Only ONE entry per photographer is allowed.
- Amateur photographers only, please.
- Please include photographer's name, address, phone number, date the photo was taken and a brief description of the subject.
- The safe return of entries is not guaranteed. Remember, these photos will be mounted for public display – expect some wear and tear.

Photos may be picked up at The Beacon office after Monday, June 28.

 $\label{eq:Deadline} \textbf{Deadline for entries is Tuesday, June 18.}$ 



Last year's winning photo is a prime example of entries for *The Peninsula Beacon's* 16th annual Amateur Photo Contest. Entries are due before Tuesday, June 18. This winning shot of a surfer perched at the base of what locals call Garbage Beach along Sunset Cliffs was submitted by Pat Rice.

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# Point Loma Association to hold annual fundraiser

BY ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

One of the area's biggest helpers is looking back at the community for an assist on Thursday, May 27. The Point Loma Association (PLA) is holding its annual dinner at the Kona Kai Resort on Shelter Island at 5:30 p.m.

"We support our community and our businesses and there's also beautification," said dinner chair Karan Greenwald. "It's a way to support the Point Loma Association to allow to keep providing the services that we provide to the community."

Last year's PLA dinner raised \$19,000 for the organization. Greenwald said the goal of this year's dinner is to raise about \$25,000. While the dinner usually has between 10 and 15 sponsored tables of 10 seats, Greenwald said this year's event currently has an unprecedented 29 sponsored tables.

"In this economy, I'm very pleased that so many people have stepped up to help the community. It starts at home," Greenwald said.

New with this installment of the PLA dinner is a musical act. The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet will pound out jazz tunes from the 1930s, '40s and '50s and those fleet of foot will have the chance to hit the dance floor.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the dinner to win one of the 10 raffle trees. The trees will either have retail, restaurant or service gift certificates.

"Each of them will have several hundred dollars' worth of gift certificates to different things," Greenwald said.

There will also be 10 unique silent auction items up for bid. From a private wine dinner for 10 to lunch for two with District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer to a children's party for 10 at a local fire sta-

tion, each of the items are unique.

"They get to have a firefighter feast with the crew, a tour of the station, pictures inside the truck and a possibility of a ride in a truck," Greenwald said of the fire station party.

The dinner's guest speaker will be Lynn Guidi, a local resident who will speak about the history of the Portuguese community in Point Loma. Greenwald considers it good timing with the historic 100-year Portuguese Festa coming up this week.

"She's going to talk about the history of the Portuguese in Point Loma, from when they first started coming to Point Loma to where they are now and what they do," Greenwald said.

PLA's mission is to improve the quality of life in Point Loma through beautification, education, and charitable and civic action. The organization's biggest project in the works is improving and maintaining the triangle at the entrance to Point Loma near Nimitz Boulevard, which they have named "Ed's Triangle" after local resident Ed Streicher.

"We are working with Councilman Faulconer's office and the city," Greenwald said, "and we will be planting and maintaining that triangle, which is basically the entrance to Point Loma."

PLA also puts on the annual Point Loma Summer Concert Series, which will run on five consecutive Fridays beginning July 16. Atomic Groove will get things started for the series.

Tickets for the dinner are \$75 individually or \$1,000 for a table sponsorship and can be purchased through Saturday, May 22 online at www.plaweb.org or by calling (619) 224-0858. There are also a limited number of cocktail-hour tickets available for \$50.

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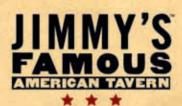
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#### Saúde! A toast to the kitchen crew

BY PATRICIA M. WALSH | THE BEACON

Sopas for 5,000 people don't just cook themselves. The old-school meat, potato and bread dish calls for 3,800 pounds of meat, 1,800 pounds of potatoes, 650 two-pound loves of French bread and all-hands-on-deck to get it cooked, served and cleaned up.

In honor of Queen St. Isabel, who personally served the poor with food from her own table, sopas and sweetbread are served free to the public after the annual parade as part of the Feast of the Holy Spirit. Parade participants and their families are served first and then the public. This year, Lucille Madruga and Gabe Leal, Festa kitchen co-chairs, expect to serve 5,000 people from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May

"The tradition is part of what holds the Portuguese community together," said Madruga, 85, who was the Festa queen in 1940, and who has worked in the kitchen for 37 years. The kitchen crew is made up of many of Madruga's peers who are in their 70s and 80s.

Leal, 41, a relative newcomer with 13 years as kitchen co-chair, takes two weeks of vacation from his job at Home Depot every year to serve the Festa.

"It takes patience. You gotta listen to everyone," Leal said. "If you can cook on a tuna boat, you can do this."

Kitchen duty and the chance to serve others is a coveted honor. In the United Portuguese S.E.S. Hall, photos of past kitchen chairs line the hallway leading to the hall's original kitchen and its industrial-size add on. On the U.P.S.E.S. website, the women who headed the crews over the years are honored: Conceicao Athaide, Maria Cabral, Angie Goulart, Margaret Madruga, Maria Emilia Monise, Maria Rita Monise, Florinda Neto, Etelvina Neves, Maria



Centennial Festa do Divino Espirito Santo kitchen co-chairs are Lucille Madruga and Gabe Leal. PHOTO BY PATRICIA M. WALSH I THE BEACON

Alice Oliveria, Evelyn Medina Silva, Maria Virginia Silva and Conceicao Virissimo.

Because the kitchen crew is sweating it out behind the line all day, they don't get to see the parade or enjoy the festivities.

"I haven't seen the parade from start to finish in 19 years," Madruga said. Leal echoed this.

"It's a sacrifice we make," Leal said. So, in Portuguese tradition, those who serve are served.

The night before the parade, the Festa queen and her royal court make a candlelight procession from St. Agnes Catholic Church to the S.E.S. Hall's kitchen, where a blessing is said and kitchen staff are crowned. The staff, in turn, throw rose petals at the Festa royalty, a symbolic gesture commemorating how the Holy Spirit helped Queen Isabel hide the food she was carrying for the poor by turning it into roses when her husband confronted her and pulled open her cape.

After the rain of rose pedals, the all-volunteer kitchen crew sits down to a meal served by the U.P.S.E.S. board of directors.

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#### **About the Festa**

**Queens:** Six weekly queens and their courts walk in the parade, in addition to the Festa queen. The Festa queen and her court appear last in the parade lineup. All queens carry crowns. The women to the left and right of the queens are known as her "sides."

**Crown:** The crown, or coroa, consists of a scepter, crown and plate. The scepter is accented by a dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit. The plate, representing the people, is a stand for the crown and the scepter. The crown represents Queen Isabel and the Holy Spirit. Many Portuguese families have their own crown, or a crown that is shared and travels from home to home for an altar and recitation of the rosary. The crown at the United Portuguese S.E.S. Hall was acquired about 90 years ago.

**Alva Pomba:** Literally means white dove. It is the traditional Portuguese march played by Filarmonica.

**Sweet bread:** The homemade bread is as delicious as it is simple.

It is made of eggs, lemon, flour, milk sugar or honey. It is traditionally served at Easter, Christmas and special occasions. Most people have their own special family recipe. Try a slice warm with butter.

**Sopas:** Traditional dish of day-old bread, roasted meat with potatoes, cabbage and kale. Sopas are served free to the public after the parade.

**Capes and gowns:** A majority of the clothing worn in the parade and for the crownings in church is handmade by seamstresses in the community.

**White dove:** The white dove represents the Holy Spirit. See if you can count how many doves you see in the parade.

**Parade:** The Festa parade in Point Loma is the only one in San Diego. However, at one point, an argument led to a division in the Portuguese community, where one parade was held downtown and one in Point Loma.

Learn more: For more Portuguese history, visit www.upses.com

#### **FESTA**

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Rotary Club, Lions Club, Optimists, the Point Loma Association Mean Green Team and the crew from Fire Station 22 on Catalina Boulevard.

"Portuguese or not, this event reaches out and touches everyone," said Evelyn DaRosa Feliciano, centennial Festa president.

The Festa is being celebrated in honor of Feliciano's husband, Michael, who passed away in 2003 of brain cancer. This year's Festa queen and king are Feliciano's daughter and son, Her Royal Highness Queen Karinna Evelina Feliciano and His Royal Highness King Joshua Michael Feliciano. Evelyn's granddaughter, Janee Isabella Feliciano, is Festa Li'l Princess.

"It's amazing when you stop and think about what 100 means," said Diane Leal, who, with her husband, Manuel, was 2002 Festa president. "Think about how simple people were when they came here and 100 years later we're still doing it; people like my parents were immigrants when they came here and unknowingly started a

tradition that's lasted this long."

Kelly Madruga, 2006 Festa president, said that while the event carries the same faith and pride as it did in 1910, it has also evolved over the years.

"It used to be a widow couldn't throw the Festa," she said, pointing out that for many years the committee declined a widow's request to sponsor the event.

The Festa is made possible by the largess of the annual president, a slew of fundraisers and a legion of volunteers who know how to roll up their sleeves and apply a little elbow grease to get the job done.

Andrea Calabrese, who for 32 years has organized the parade with the help of "an amazing crew of women and men," says: "It's often more chaos than organization — but it works."

Calabrese's mom and sisters started handling the parade in the 1960s.

Dinisa Valadao and her cousin, Manuel Leal, United Portuguese S.E.S. president, keep the Festa's bazaar running, including the all-important food booths (don't miss the cakes and sweetbread). Booths are run by the numerous organizations that are the touchstone of Portuguese history and heritage: Cabrillo Civic Club #16, the Portuguese American Social & Civic Club and The Festa do Santo Amaro.

In the kitchen, Gabe Leal and Lucille Madruga head up a dedicated crew of self-described "grunts" — many in their 70s and 80s — who keep the food coming.

Diane Leal wonders what that Festa will look like in the next 100 years.

"My kids will remember, but whether the generations after that do, I don't know," she said. "Point Loma is expensive, so many people move away."

The Festa is a seven-week celebration between Easter and Pentecost Sunday to honor Queen Isabel, who selflessly fed the poor, and the Holy Spirit, who answered her prayers to feed her nation. The tradition holds that each week leading up to Pentecost Sunday, a queen is crowned during Sunday Mass at St. Agnes. The week before the Festa, families gather nightly in their homes to recite the rosary. This year, a public recitation of the rosary was held every night, beginning May 16. The first rosary was recited outdoors at the Tunaman's Memorial on Shelter Island.

"It's the tunamen who founded the Festa," Feliciano said. "Saying the rosary at the memorial lets us honor them."

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# Point Loma resident is California's volunteer of the year

BY HILLARY SCHULER-JONES | THE BEACON

Since 2004, Point Loma resident and attorney Kathryn Vaughn has dedicated herself to Just in Time for Foster Youth, an organization that provides transitional services for foster youth who have "aged out" of the system.

On May 6, her efforts were recognized by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and first lady Maria Shriver, who named Vaughn as California's Volunteer of the Year at the second annual Medals for Service awards ceremony in Sacramento.

Over the last six years, Vaughn has grown the organization from a handful of motivated volunteers to a thriving nonprofit corporation that has multiple programs serving thousands of youth. Although she stepped down from her role as president earlier this year, she remains on the group's advisory board, and her legacy is still evident in the current leadership.

"Kathryn was, and is, a ball of energy," said Don Wells, executive director for Just in Time. "She is so passionate about this whole area of helping foster youth ... having that caring heart, but then having the determination to do whatever it took to help [foster youth]

succeed in life. Those two things together just make her an irresistible force."

Vaughn first got involved with the organization when a colleague asked her to help two sisters who had just been emancipated from the foster-care system. The girls were facing a sudden plunge into independent life, including a move into an empty apartment, without a consistent support system. Vaughn and her family stepped in to help the girls find furniture and decorate the space.

That initial involvement spurred Vaughn to do more. She started College Bound, a Just in Time program that gives transitioning foster youth the resources and guidance they need to succeed in college. Vaughn invited 14 such students to her home for the first College Bound ceremony, where she and her husband presented each of them with a laptop.

"[These youth] would attend maybe five high schools and still have a 3.6 grade-point average, go to a great college and have no computer," Vaughn said, noting that nationally, only 3 percent of foster children graduate from college. "You can't compete. At every single college, you walk into a classroom and they all have computers. We



Kathryn Vaughn of Point Loma, center, was recognized by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and California's first lady Maria Shriver on May 6 as the state's volunteer of the year.

To date, the program has helped more than 100 participants transition into college. This month, nearly a dozen youth whom Vaughn has worked with personally will graduate

thought that that would make a differ- from universities across the state, she said, including one of the sisters who Vaughn originally helped when she started working with the organization.

Since winning the award, Vaughn said she has been inspired to work even harder on behalf of youth.

"It is symbolic that if you have a dream or a plan and you step out on faith and make a commitment to it, extraordinary things can happen," she

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.jitfosteryouth.org.

#### SAN DIEGO TRUST BANK SET TO LAUNCH NEW POINT LOMA OFFICE By: Raymond Simas

San Diego Trust is excited to be opening a full service office in Pt. Loma Village this coming summer. The new Banking Center will be located at 1110 Rosecrans Street, Suite #101 (on the corner of Rosecrans and Avenida de Portugal) with reserved parking, an ATM and night depository.

The recent turmoil in the banking industry has left a noticeable void in the Pt. Loma market. San Diego Trust's exceptional level of customer service

combined with its unparalleled financial performance provides a great deal of comfort to their clients in these uncertain times.

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(via Peninsula Bank) make it a natural extension of our operation," he added. "We are grateful to the many Pt. Loma residents and businesses that have already established their banking relationship with San Diego Trust and look forward to opening our newest office soon," Perry concluded.

Raymond Simas is SVP/Manager of San Diego Trust. Mr. Simas can be reached at 619-823-7505.

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person and I'm not a union person. I'm my own person and I think I have a few more years to go."

Barnett, 47, posited his financial background as integral to restructuring the district's budget while deflecting the negative impact of federal and state cuts. which have increased for the last three years. With two daughters in the district — one at La Jolla Elementary School and one at La Jolla High School — Barnett also advocates increased authority for individual schools, clusters and sub-districts to determine priorities, curriculum and activities. Barnett said he also plans to eliminate waste and redistribute those funds to needs in classrooms and music. arts, sports and supplies.

"It's pathetic that this district has no handle on where its money is," he said. "This board has been reactive instead of proactive and that needs to change."

If elected, Barnett said he will address necessary changes that did not take place under de Beck's watch and "focus like a laser" on management and accountabil-

A third-generation San Diegan with two children in Point Loma schools, Crisci, 42, emphasized her support for expanding the district's five-year technology plan known as i21. Crisci said the

plan proposes more efficient ways of customizing learning in advance for different types of students. She also expressed support for a decentralized system of authority, allowing cluster communities more autonomy for making decisions.

"I'm not a politician and I have no desire to be one," Crisci said. "I'm not going anywhere and what sets me apart is my connection to this system. I'm just a citizen trying to effect change where I've seen the need.'

La Jolla Elementary School parent and La Jolla Cluster board member Sharon Jones, who was present at the forum, said her primary concern in this year's election is the budget.

"This community is among the lowest-funded and a lot of the issues go back to the money," she said. "Our schools are down to the bare bones and it's important to have autonomy. The board can control where the money goes."

De Beck ran unopposed in 2006 and enjoyed the support of the influential San Diego teachers' union in 2002. This year, Barnett has the backing of the 8,000-member teacher's union.

Crisci has called herself a fan of de Beck's and said she hopes to emerge as one of the top two vote earners in the June primary in order to keep Barnett out of November's race.

The primary elections take place June 8 and the top two candidates will compete for office in November.

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#### **NEWS***briefs*

# Police seek help solving sexual-assault case

Police are looking for tips to help find the man who sexually assaulted a 51-year-old woman in her Point Loma Heights residence on May 13. The San Diego Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit is investigating the case.

"We're still processing the evidence. We're still working with the victim to see if we can come up with a composite [sketch] and looking for additional witnesses," said Lt. Rick O'Hanlon.

According to police reports, the suspect broke into the residence at about 4 a.m., taking property and sexually assaulting the woman. The suspect is described as a 5-foot-7-inch white male between the ages of 20 and 30, weighing about 140 pounds. At the time of the crime, the suspect was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and gloves, and the victim said the man smelled like fuel or oil.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at (619) 531-2210.

# Earlier trash collection to save \$4.4 million

Trash collection will soon start at 6 a.m. in residential neighborhoods after the San Diego City Council voted May 11 to switch the current 7 a.m. pickup to the earlier time as part of an effort to save money.

There was no discussion by councilmembers and the change in hours was approved in a 7-0 vote on the consent agenda — which typically sports routine matters considered to be noncontroversial.

Sanitation workers will work 10 hours a day, four days a week and get three days off. Currently, trash collectors work eight hours a day, five days a week.

The change in hours represents a offices.

saving of \$4.4 million annually, according to city documents. Workers with the city's Environmental Services Department were mostly in favor of the change in hours, according to Joan Raymond, who represents the workers

The change is also in keeping with delivering trash to the Miramar landfill, which closes at 4:30 p.m. each day to comply with its operating permit. The landfill lease prohibits landfill operations after dark.

The change only affects city workers and the city-provided green and blue recycling containers that are picked up mechanically on the street. The decision will not affect private waste haulers and does not involve dumpsters that are typically used in apartment complexes or condominiums.

— Neal Putnam

# Deadlines approach for June 8 election

As the June 8 primary elections approach, there are two deadlines before the election that are important for local voters. Registration forms for voters can be found online at www.sdvote.com.

Monday, May 24 is the deadline for voters who aren't currently registered to do so, or who would like to change their party affiliation or who have recently moved or changed their name.

All forms must be postmarked or delivered to the county's Registrar of Voters Office, 5201 Ruffin Road in Clairemont Mesa, no later than 8 p.m. on May 24.

In addition, Tuesday, June 1 is the deadline to apply for a mail ballot. Applications for a mail ballot must be received by 5 p.m. June 1 and can be mailed to the Registrar of Voters Office at P.O. Box 85520, San Diego, 92186, or faxed to (858) 694-2955.

Voter registration forms are also available at post offices, public libraries and Department of Motor Vehicles offices.



Mishelle Petry, right, was the winner of the Ocean Beach Woman's Club's Mother's Day Essay Contest recently. Petry dedicated the poem to her adoptive mother/sister Juana Petry (pictured).

#### Essay winners from OB Elementary honored

Fourth-graders from Ocean Beach Elementary School were honored May 7 for their efforts in a Mother's Day Essay Contest sponsored by the Ocean Beach Woman's Club. Mishelle Petry was the first-place winner. Second place went to Zion Snyder and third place was awarded to Nicholas Lafontaine.

Each received a dozen roses for their mothers and a check for themselves. All 45 participants received a certificate of recognition. A donation was also made to the school for the arts program.

For more information, call (619) 222-1008.

#### Midway transient injured after being hit by car

On May 6 at about 8:35 p.m. in the Midway District, a 40-year old male transient was hurt after being struck by a vehicle on Pacific Highway, according to police investigators.

The homeless man was walking westbound across Pacific Highway and stepped in front of a car driven by a 26-year-old woman, officials said.

According to police reports, the female swerved to avoid hitting the

man but her side view mirror struck him, resulting in pelvic injuries and a broken arm.

The male was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

# **OBTC** accepting grant requests

The Ocean Beach Town Council (OBTC) is seeking grant requests from community groups and organizations. The grant money, made available as a result of money raised by the OBTC Tree Committee, totaled about \$15,000 last year, according to officials.

To qualify, groups and organizations are asked to submit a one-page letter describing what is to be done with the grant money and the amount being requested. The deadline for requests is Tuesday, June 15. Grant requests should be sent to the OBTC, P.O. Box 7225, Ocean Beach, 92107, or may be made online at grants@obtowncouncil.org.

OBTC officials said the grants are open to all, but OBTC membership is strongly encouraged.

Recipients will be asked to provide a quarterly update that will be posted on the OBTC website. Successful recipients will receive a one-year membership to OBTC, renewable annually.

Past recipients of the OBTC grants include Loaves and Fishes, the Ocean Beach Historical Society, Sunset Cliffs Surfing Association, OB Community Foundation, Point Loma High School Boosters, Peninsula Girls' Softball, Ocean Beach Planning Board and Friends of Famosa Slough.

# OB teen to compete in SD pageant

Jessica Littlefield of Ocean Beach will be competing Sunday, May 23 in the Nationals' 2010 Miss Teen San

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# OB Exposed! captures community flavor on film

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

Once again, the Ocean Beach Historical Society (OBHS) is doing its best to expose the community. OBHS is holding its 16th annual OB Exposed! photo exhibition and competition from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Point Loma Masonic Lodge on Friday, May 21.

"It's a chance to come out and learn about the history of the community," said OBHS President Pat James.

OB Exposed! showcases the best locally-snapped photos of Point Loma and Ocean Beach. Winners will be displayed at the event from six categories — best in show, best color, best black and white, best vintage, best "special effects" and best child under 16.

"The vintage category is always a favorite because it brings out really cool, old photographs and there's pictures that a lot of people involved with our society like to see," James said.

Participants will be able to select the winner of the people's choice category and there will be a professional category for exhibit. OB native Noah Tafolla, host of the KPBS documentary series "Wonderland," will emcee the event.

"It has really become a neat annual event that we put on," James said, "and we're looking forward to another year of it."

In addition to the contest photos, OBHS will bring out part of its collection not yet seen by the public. James said the new collection on display includes a vintage photo of a farmer's market on Newport Avenue and a shot of Azure Vista, former military housing on Sunset Cliffs, taken in 1949.

"I haven't seen a lot of pictures of the Azure Vista and this is a pretty neat shot of it," James said.

All of the photos on display will be added to the OBHS photo archives, which have steadily grown since it started along with the society in 1994. The archive currently has about 2,000 photos.

"It's just really exciting to receive these photos that are becoming more rare all the time," James said.

The Point Loma Masonic Lodge is located at 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. in Ocean Beach. For more information about the Ocean Beach Historical Society, visit obhistory.wordpress.com.

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# Opinion

GUEST COMMENTARY

# Young people tell us they don't want a party - we need to listen

By JOHN OPDYCKE

The U.S. Census Bureau is making a concerted effort to fully include young people, as evidenced by Commerce Secretary Gary Locke's appearance on "The Daily Show." But regardless of how thorough the bureau is, the Census will not capture a dramatic population migration taking place in all 50 states because young Americans are opting not to affiliate with a political party.

Forty-one percent of voters between the ages of 18 and 29 are independents, and by 2015, estimates are that 18-29 year olds will account for 33 percent of all voters. But the millennial generation finds itself confronted by an electoral system designed by — and for — the "I Like Ike" crowd. Election districts are gerrymandered to serve party interests. Many states require poll workers to be registered in a party. The Federal Election Commission is comprised of three Democrats and three Republicans, rendering it both structurally impotent and blind to the concerns of independents.

And primary elections are off-limits to independents in 17 states. The attitude among elites toward the independence of younger voters ranges from amusement to outright hostility. Gail Collins of the New York Times recently opined on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" that "the only kind of people voting in primaries tend to be the lunatic ends of the party because everyone else thinks its so much suaver and cooler to say they are independent."

Collins' message to new voters: join a party and get with the program. Her view is shared by many political insiders who see independents as "fence sitters" who cannot be bothered to get involved.

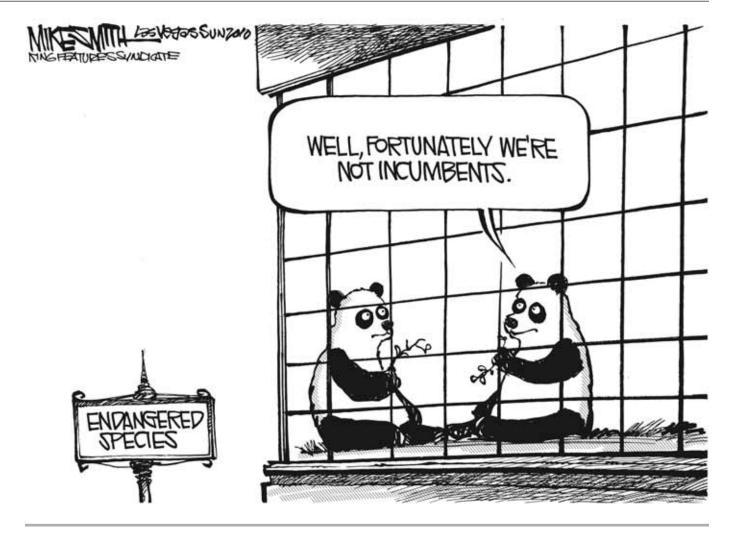
But the independent millennials are not apathetic. They voted in record numbers in 2008, they volunteer in their communities, but they don't want to join a party. And their disinterest in party politics has fueled a national controversy on the issue of open versus closed primaries.

Republican hardliners in Rhode Island and Arizona are pushing to close their state's primaries. The Idaho GOP has filed suit to force the state of Idaho to require voters to select a party when they register. New York City's independent mayor, Michael Bloomberg, empanelled a Charter Revision Commission to review the city's charter. The commission is being lobbied to recommend a switch to a nonpartisan primary system for local elections.

In California — where "decline to state" registration has grown from 9 percent in 1990 to 20 percent today voters have the chance on June 8 to enact Proposition 14and create a "top-two" voting system in which all voters and all candidates participate in first round elections, with the top two candidates advancing to the November ballot. This nonpartisan approach is being opposed by every political party — major and minor — in California.

Our Constitution does not mention parties, and a new generation, comfortable with new forms of communication, at ease with new technologies and turned off by partisan dysfunction, is looking for more independent ways to participate in civic life. And by 2015, this generation could account for a full third of the electorate. America has thrived because we cherish the new, the rule breakers and the innovators. We know that Washington is broken. Let's fix it with more than a new coat of paint. Let's enact structural reforms to empower a new generation and incentive for them to participate. Young people are telling us they don't want a party. We need to listen to

- John Opdycke is the chief of staff of IndependentVoting.org, a national association of independent voters with organizations in 40 states.



#### Lifeguards need to lighten up on dog owners

Part of what makes Ocean Beach a great community is its spirit, and the friendly attitudes of the residents and business owners. OB has long been a friend to dogs and their good owners.

It used to be that our lifeguards were cool, too. Maybe they still are, but it seems a few need to lose their power-play attitudes when it comes to well-behaved dog owners.

I thought maybe my experience was unique, until I heard similar stories from others on Newport Avenue. Last week, when I was walking my dog (an exceedingly mellow 12-year-old golden retriever) on leash, as far inland on the sand as physically possible near Dog Beach, I was summarily tracked down and hassled.

I was acting responsibility, bothering no one and obeying the spirit of the law. I was nowhere near the water, there were no people nearby and I was politely walking my dog on a leash. So why threaten me with a \$300 ticket? Is this what we want our lifeguards to be about?

Kids love these dogs. The elderly smile. Again, this scene takes place nowhere near the water, but rather as far away from the water as possible — and the lifeguards find it necessary to seek out a dog walker and hassle him. It was extremely troubling to learn I am not alone with such an incident.

This is not what our community is about. And that is not how our lifeguards should

Lifeguards, if you think this makes you a bigger person, you need to get a life.

Mike Bailey Ocean Beach

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### State budget resolution going in wrong direction

I am concerned about the negative kneejerk reaction Californians have to taxes when the Californian people keep voting for expensive government programs.

The California state budget is in shambles. It does not help the crisis that the reaction to the deficit is to cut education and police funding.

It is in the state's best interest to increase the education budget. More educated people are more likely to have higher income, more money to tax and are less likely to commit crimes — therefore, less strain on the already overloaded prison system.

California has to fix the problems it has before adding fancytops and programs.

**Ian Carter** Ocean Beach

#### **Rock Church neighbor** not so neighborly

I find it hard to believe that the Rock megachurch is a good neighbor because of the numerous problems it causes, including traffic, parking and additional trash in our Point Loma neighborhood.

While the Rock claims to do 166,000 hours of volunteer work with \$2.6 million in one year, that would approximate \$15.60 per hour. Maybe Mayor Jerry Sanders could solve the city's budget woes using this type of "volunteer" service.

My husband and I walk the Liberty Station neighborhood every day and gather up trash. On Mondays, after the Rock Church's weekend services involving thousands of attendees, we typically find church literature and other debris on the streets and

parking lots near the church.

Some assert that the surrounding community "can't even tell when church services are occurring." This is totally false. Five services on Sunday, extra venues during the week and weekends — involving thousands of people — disrupts Rosecrans Street traffic and parking, and places additional burdens on the infrastructure of the surrounding community.

Logic suggests bringing as many as 17,000 people into a less than one-mile radius all day at least once a week will have a bit more than zero-impact. I believe the church, with its continually expanding programs and services, detracts rather than adds to Point Loma.

The city is giving the Rock Church the chance to establish a religious fiefdom in Point Loma. We are not anti-church: however, it appears that the Rock Church receives preferential treatment above and beyond what other houses of worship receive from the city of San Diego with its mayoral and police support. This support is alluded to from the senior minister of the

We citizens are calling on the city to reopen the conditional-use permit under which the Rock Church operates. It was a hastily-drafted and erroneous document which never addressed the ever-encroaching church.

A rock is intended to evoke something strong and solid. It can also be something dangerous if tied around our neck or if used to club us over the head.

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# News



Jessica Littlefield of Ocean Beach will compete in the Nationals' 2010 Miss Teen San Diego pageant May 23. COURTESY PHOTO

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Diego pageant. Littlefield learned of her selection by Nationals, Inc. last week after submitting an application and taking part in an interview with the pageant coordinator.

Littlefield will be competing for her share of thousands of dollars in prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. She will be competing in the Miss Teen Division — one of four in which young women between the ages of 7 and 19 participate, said pageant officials.

The contestants compete in modeling routines — including casual wear and formal wear — but also get a chance to display personality and interviewing skills with the San Diego judging panel. Pageant officials said personality is the No. 1 aspect each contestant is judged on in all phases of the competition.

San Diego, she will represent the city and the surrounding communities at the Cities of America National Compeition in Orlando, Fla.

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an awfully friendly guy with a smile all the time on his face," said Trevor's grandfather, Frank Correia.

CORREIA

Trevor played volleyball at PLHS and family members said he enjoyed spending time with friends, skateboarding, the ocean, skydiving, and bean-and-cheese hurritos.

He was one of 23 grandchildren and was viewed as a brother by his older and younger cousins.

"We used to kid him about his long hair all the time, so he used to wear beanies," Frank said.

The roots of the Correia family are deeply intertwined with Point Loma history. Trevor's great grandfather was the first Correia in the area — moving from Portuguese territory Madeira Island in the early

The close-knit family has flourished and expanded

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in the Peninsula ever since - making its mark on the community with various accomplishments.

"The Correia name will go on for a long time in Point Loma," Beatrice said. "We are a very close family who are always together."

Trevor Correia's grandfather (Frank Correia), father (Kevin Correia, Sr.) and numerous relatives were part of the fishing industry that thrived in San Diego in the mid-20th century. Frank owned a boat called "The Mermaid." His uncle, famous glass artist Steve Correia, is the namesake for Correia Middle School in Point Loma.

Trevor's brother, and Padres starting pitcher, Kevin Correia did his part to provide his family a sense of normalcy a week after his brother's death when he took the mound at Petco Park on May 16. Pitching with a heavy heart and in front of family and friends in attendance, Kevin pitched 5.1 innings against the Dodgers, striking out four batters in a losing effort.

"We were all there," Frank said.



The San Diego Padres organization was well-represented by the front office May 14 during a funeral Mass for Trevor Correia, including Fred Uhlman Jr., center, vice president/assistant general manager. Correia's brother, Kevin, is a starting pitcher for the Padres.

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"She is simply amazing and I'm delighted to have her teaching here" says Jean Isaacs, Artistic Director of the San Diego Dance Theatre. "We are lucky to have her here. It takes much more than two to tango. And Colette can teach you what it takes".

Colette who won the USA Tango Championship, was also, astonishingly, Tango Salon finalist from among more than five hundred couples at the Buenos Aires competition, the ultimate test for the best tangueros from all over the world.

For more information, visit her page (www.tangowithcolette.com), e-mail her colette@tangowithcolette.com or visit her at Studio 106, Dance Place San Diego, 2650 Truxtun Rd, 92106



Skipper Kevin Laube, rear, and crewman Eric Cibit of Point Loma High School's sailing team steer through heavy winds during Mallory Cup competition earlier this month in

# Pointer sailors charting successful course

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

The 25 members of the Point Loma High School (PLHS) sailing team are very skilled. Their coach, Steve Hunt — a professional sailor himself — doesn't even like to face them.

"When I have to sail against these kids, I get nervous." Hunt said.

The Pointers' sailing team is a stellar group of saltwater superstars whose expert ability to navigate a liquid racing course has earned accolades and qualified them to travel around the nation in pursuit of further honors. And right now, they are on a roll.

For starters, the PLHS sailors won the Roy E. Dis-

ney award, given to the finest high school sailing maritime magicians placed second in the Interteam of the 58 who make up the Pacific Coast Interscholastic Sailing Association (PCISA). The trophy is awarded to the top finisher among seven separate events.

Last month, some of the team soared to San Francisco, where they finished second in the Pacific Coast High School Doublehanded Championship, which qualified them for a national competition in the Mallory Cup. During the same weekend, another part of the team showed off its sailing prowess in Long Beach, winning the PCISA Silver Fleet Doublehanded event.

The Mallory Cup sent the Pointers cross-country to Connecticut for the event held May 7-9. There, the scholastic Sailing Association (ISSA) Doublehanded National Championships.

Scoring for the Mallory Cup involved 10 races sailed by two boats from each of the 20 teams entered at the host Indian Harbor Yacht Club in Greenwich, Conn. Each boat's finish — first to 20th — was the number of points awarded, with the lowest cumulative score from all 20 races declared the champion.

Sailing in 420-class sailboats, first-day conditions were far from ideal, with thunderstorms and high winds causing some boats to capsize and forcing the

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# PLHS keeping up with fast-paced badminton play

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Badminton is known as the fastest racquet sport played, but it doesn't use a ball. Instead, players strike a feathered shuttle, weighing about five grams, which is purposely designed to rapidly decelerate, making it even more difficult to play.

At Point Loma High School (PLHS), coach Jaime Medina has taken the reins of the Pointers' badminton squad of nearly 30 players, with senior Strongman Osom serving as an assistant. Prep matches are played in boys' and girls' singles and doubles, plus mixed doubles.

"I am fortunate to have such a great group in my first year of coaching the sport," Medina said. "We've worked on what is expected of the team in structure and commitment both now and for years to come."

Among those Medina is most happy about are team captains Devin Peugh and Nancy Celon.

"Our goal is to build a program that delivers a challenging, learning, disciplined and fun experience for every athlete that participates in PLHS badminton," Medina said.

Medina lists his top players as Steven Kennedy and Haplin Hills in boys' singles, Michelle Louie and Brittney Le in girls' singles, Kennedy and Hills in boys' doubles and Le and Nhu Mai in girls' doubles.

While the team is rebuilding with a 2-13 league record, Medina cites the match with Mira Mesa High on April 21 as providing some season highlights. In that match, the Pointers knocked off

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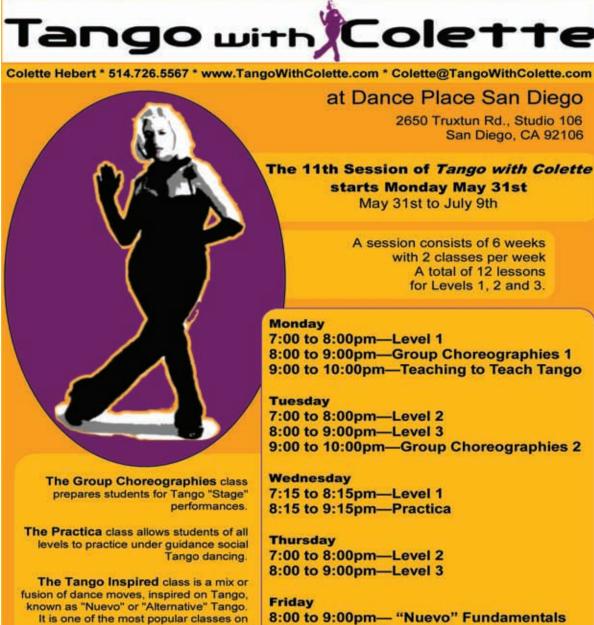
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the Marauders in the No. 2 boys' doubles match, 15-11, 13-15, 17-14.

In the girls' No. 1 doubles match against Mira Mesa, Le played well, despite not having her contact lenses. Medina said Le worked with her partner, Mai, to win the match 9-15, 15-11, 15-7.

Badminton, which was added to the Olympics in 1992, requires superior aerobic stamina, motor coordination and speed. Matches display an intense high-energy level not found in many other prep sports.

The shuttle's speed necessitates instantaneous reactions from the young players, making the matches stimulating for spectators. In addition, there can be as many as six matches under way at one time on the expansive wooden floor of the Pointers' gym.

The Pointers wrapped up their season May 12 at Patrick Henry High. Medina anticipates increasingly bright years ahead for the Pointer badminton program.



Junior Max Kirkpatrick of Point Loma High School's badminton team leaps high to return a shot during a recent mixed doubles match. His partner, junior Nhu Mai, eyes the opponent. PHOTO BY SCOTT HOPKINS I THE BEACON

#### SAILING

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race committee to cancel further competition. Hunt said the second day weather was better, but winds played havoc with the fleet, varying from 10 mph "holes" to 30 mph "puffs," along with directional shifts.

Additionally, the race website reported a windchill factor in the 40-degree range, making for salty shivers among bundled-up participants.

These factors and several tactical issues plagued the Pointer "A" boat. Its first-place, two second-place and two third-place finishes were marred by four finishes in the teens. The boat, skippered by Kevin Laube, with Duncan Swain and Eric Cibit serving as crew, finished seventh overall in the "A" Division with 80 points.

The "B" boat, however, won its division with 43 points, accumulating three firsts, two seconds and a third among its 10 races. Olin Paine skippered, assisted by Shone Bowman and Jake Reynolds. The winning Mallory Cup team

scored 111 points, with the Pointers close behind at 123.

Boat skippers at other regattas have included Matt Morris, Matt Hecht and Jake La Dow. Hunt rotates crews, depending on wind conditions at the race site, with members including Will Herrin, Claire Bagg, Reece Bernet, Grant Rickon, Daniel True, Max Daubner, Kyle Sutter and Trevor Hecht. Eighth-grade members of the team include Storm Brown, Madeline Brownsea, Andrew Cates, Richy Didham, Will La Dow, Scott Sinks and Luke Kellerhouse.

This weekend sends the sailors to Seattle in a showdown for the ISSA National High School Racing Championship, which the Pointers earned a berth in by finishing 16-0 in races for the PCISA Championship last month in Mission Bay. The winner of this clash bags the Baker Trophy.

Hunt's hopes are high because the Seattle event will be sailed in FJ-class boats, "which we use all the time," he said.

The Pointer sailing team has carried its school's name proudly across America, excelling as seagoing strategists.





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# Business

# Cup of Yo serves up flavorful delights

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

If early crowds are an indication, a new Point Loma yogurt shop might be a big hit with customers.

Cup of Yo fulfilled a long-time dream of local partners Mike and Kristin Curran, Bryan Eckert and Veronica Irizarri when the store's doors opened April 22.

Located at Catalina Boulevard and Talbot Street in the Point Loma Mardream for customers who enjoy creating their own personal yogurt treat.

Patrons are invited to serve themselves from eight flavors of low- and non-fat yogurt. There are two sizes of cups to choose from, plus small sampler-size ones for taste-testing.

amounts, an array of 28 toppings (four of which are fresh fruit) beckons, along with chocolate, caramel and other syrups to top off the unique

There is only one price charged for these colorful, customer-created desserts, however. Each offering is digitally weighed and customers pay 39 cents per ounce.

The store is also offering employketplace center, the store is also a ment to a number of students from Point Loma High School and nearby Point Loma Nazarene University.

The store's walls, brightly painted with gold, purple, blue and green shades, are also covered with various sizes of blackboards. Teens spend time writing their names with colored

After choosing flavors and chalk on boards reserved for such artistry. Behind the counter, small blackboards are arranged in a perpetual calendar where daily events and specials are highlighted.

> Also offered are smoothies made from Acai berries, long used in Brazil and said to be very high in antioxi-

> Several tables inside and outside allow eaters to relax. Two long benches inside were rescued from the original location of the Corvette Diner and recovered in a sparkling white upholstery.

> Future plans include adding two more daily flavors, specials and dis-

> The store is located 955 Catalina Blvd.. Suite 104.



An employee at Cup of Yo rings up another customer during the new yogurt shop's opening day April 22. Customers enjoy making their own creations from eight yogurt flavors and 28 toppings. Prices are 39 cents an ounce. PHOTO BY SCOTT HOPKINS I THE BEACON

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# Blues artist Henkel toots his own horn in Humphrey's show

BY BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

San Diego has many gifted blues musicians, but few match the versatility of virtuoso guitarist Robin Henkel. A perennial at local street fairs and festivals, Henkel is perhaps best known in his guise of solo acoustic country blues performer, perched at the edge of his chair, practically preaching the lyrics. However, that only takes in one aspect of his music.

While his shows and albums — regardless of the size of his backing group - are always rooted in the blues, depending on the gig, his sound can also take in dashes of bossa nova, funk, jazz and swing. The unifying factor is an infectious sense of rhythm, which gets the feet tapping in his acoustic mode and gets the dance floor jumping when he has a backing group.

His latest offering, Robin Henkel with Horns, happens at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge on Monday, May 24.

"This is music you can dance to — swing and blues dance numbers," Henkel said.

He considers his latest band a career high point.

"After 37 years in the music business, my horn band is the project I am most excited about," Henkel said. "For our Humphrey's performance, it'll all be material that is perfect for swing dancers, to cite an example.

"But this group, featuring Dave Castel de Oro and Troy Jennings (saxophone and flute), Eric Sider (trumpet), Rod Ratelle (bass) and Kevin Koch (drums), also allows me to stretch out my musical chops, a lot, so we can also do sit-down concerts when appropriate," he said.

"A typical set features arrangements of my own original music, and then we expand into compositions by Duke Ellington, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Miles Davis and many others," he said.

Henkel first came to music through his family, learning the ukulele as his initial instrument.

"Mom and dad could play," he said. "We would sing together. That's probably one of the ultimate bonds between a parent and child and it really brought our family together."

Henkel's father was a particular influence, specializing in hobo songs like "Big Rock Candy Mountain" and songs about trains, but it was a 1962 concert by blues legend Josh White that cemented Robin Henkel's career path.

"That concert just floored me," he said. "I knew there was a sound I heard in my head as a kid, and there it was. I didn't know there was such a thing as 'blues' at the time, but everything from his presence to the way he played lead guitar licks seriously impressed me."

When he is not touring or recording, Henkel continues to spread the word about the blues, teaching guitar to students at all levels of skill. Past students include Anna Troy, Cindy Lee Berryhill and Annie Dru.

"I simply wouldn't be the musician I am today without Robin's guidance early on," Troy said. "I took guitar lessons, but everything about him is a learning experience — from the way he works with audiences to the songs he plays. I know he puts a lot of time and effort into his music, but he makes it all seem effortless.'

While Henkel will continue performing shows with his new group, he's already looking ahead to new projects, including an album of duets with performers like Billy Watson and Nathan James.

"I like do to do a lot of different things," Henkel said. "People ask me all the time what my favorite songs, genres or groups are, out of all the things I get involved in.

"The answer is everything," he said. "I like bouncing it all around. The variety keeps things interesting."

After nearly four decades of performing, Henkel said he feels he is just getting revved-up.

"When you've been playing for as long as I have, there's going to be a lot of ups and downs," Henkel said. "But I don't think I've ever been in a better place when it comes to music.'

Robin Henkel with Horns happens at 7 p.m. May 24 at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. The show is for those 21 and up with the cover to be determined.

For more information, visit www.humphreysbackstagelive.com.



Robin Henkel with Horns performs Monday, May 24 at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge on Shelter Island.



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Friday, June 4, 7 p.m., the Peninsula Singers host a conert, "Evening of American Music," with a special salute to American servicemen and servicewomen. The concert will also be dedicated to the memory of choir member Ray Haine, who recently passed away. The event takes place at the Historic North Chapel of Liberty Station, 2881 Roosevelt Road. Tickets for the event are \$5 and may be purchased at the door. For more information, call (619) 886-6860.

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Friday, May 21, 6 to 8:30 p.m., the Ocean Beach Historical Society hosts the 16th annual OB Exposed! event, capturing photographic impressions of Ocean Beach and Point Loma. OB Exposed! takes place at the Masonic Center, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. For information, call (619) 225-1753 or visit www.obhistory.wordpress.com.

Monday, May 24, 2 to 6 p.m., the Mission Valley/Tobey Wells YMCA hosts the 10-city, nationwide tour by cable network TNT called "I Run This" to promote season two of the hit series "HawthoRNe," starring Jada Pinkett Smith. The free event includes massages, free fruit smoothies,

nurses giving BMI and blood pressure checks, and fitness demonstrations, among other activities. The event takes place at the Y, 5505 Friars Road. For more information, call (619) 298-3576.

Thursday, May 27, 5:30 p.m., Point Loma Association's major annual fundraising event to support myriad beautification projects. The event takes place at the Kona Kai Resort, 1551 Shelter Island Drive. Tickets are \$75 individually and \$1,000 per table. For tickets, visit www.plaweb. For information, call (619) 224-0858 or e-mail kcgreenwald@cox.net.

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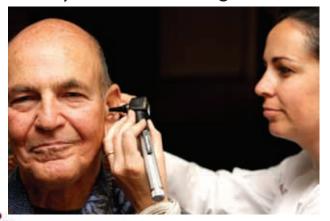
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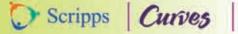
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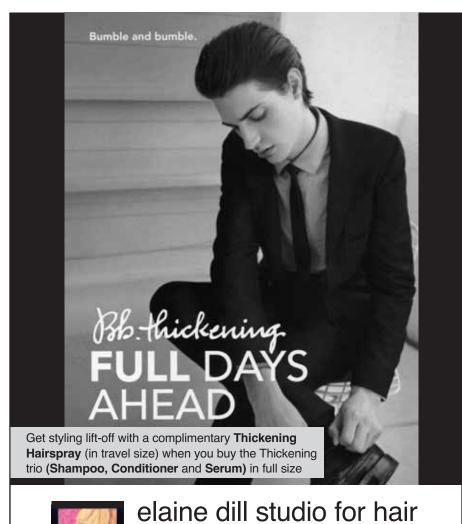














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