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CITY SERVICES IN THE CROSSHAIRS

Drastic reductions emerge during PL town hall forum

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

With the city facing an estimated \$73 million deficit next year, Peninsula residents were given a glimpse at potential service cuts recently and given the opportunity to pose questions to the city's staff during a budget-themed town hall meeting.

The hour-long forum Oct. 25 in the Point Loma High School auditorium was one of eight held citywide over a two-week span — just ahead of the Nov. 2 citywide Proposition D measure asking voters to approve a half-cent sales-tax increase to preserve city services.

Proposition D was defeated by voters 68 percent to 38 percent.

"[This meeting is] to inform the community as to some of the things we're considering for the upcoming budget," said Jay Goldstone, chief operating officer for the city. "It gives

them a bit of a little preview so that when we then present something to the City Council, they're not seeing it for the first time."

During the meeting, Goldstone said the projected deficit would affect fiscal year 2012, which begins next July 1. As a result, each of the city's department heads were given a mandate in September to develop a budget-reduction target, which they responded to last month.

"We needed the departments to identify their reductions sooner rather than later because we want to take [the] budget recommendations forward in January and hopefully get the [City] Council to adopt any budget reductions in January, so we can maybe implement them by February or March and get some savings to help minimize the level of reductions

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Local veterans frequent the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1392 in Ocean Beach. The post is in danger of disappearing after being told last month its lease would not

Local VFW scrambling to secure a new home

By ANTHONY GENTILE I THE BEACON

Providing refuge for local veterans for nearly three decades, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post Middle East conflicts and the war on 1392 in Ocean Beach is being forced terrorism — frequent the post. to look for a new home. Recently informed their lease wouldn't be renewed after December, post members are scrambling for new digs and asking for community support.

"When it gets down to it, what's happening is terrible," said Vic Tulsie, post quartermaster. "It's really hard to move a business in a threeto four-month time period, especially for a nonprofit."

VFW Post 1392 has called 4944 Newport Ave. Suite G home since 1983. Veterans of every major war — from World War II to the current

'This is a place where prior servicemembers can talk about their lives to other people that understand," Tulsie said. "There is a bit of frustration and it would be a big disappointment if this place were to

Early last month, property owner Lyle Cocking informed the post he

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Point Loma High School alumni prepare to march in Friday's Homecoming parade during halftime of the football game. More historic and Homecoming photos on PHOTO BY SCOTT HOPKINS I THE BEACON

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

he proposed new high school in San Diego was "too far from town," citizens complained.

The year was 1923.

With school board member Edgar F. Hastings and others pushing for it, the project was approved, and construction of a beautiful Spanish-style facility began.

On Sept. 22, 1925, the new structure was dedicated as Point Loma Junior-Senior High School, opening its doors to 386 students in grades 7-12. The students were instructed by a staff of 30 teachers under the direction of Principal Pete Ross.

Students combined the school's location and a hunting dog to create the nickname "Pointers" and adopted a spotted hound as the school mascot.

Some refused to stop complaining about the school's location and labeled it "Hast-

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ings' Folly."

If Hastings were still alive, however, he would bear witness to the fruits of his vision — a cascade of notable achievements and accomplishments that have since washed through the walls of time to create the venerable institution that is today's Point Loma High School.

As PLHS prepares to celebrate its 85th anniversary on Nov. 13 at Liberty Station, the school can boast of an exceptional number of graduates who have gone on to fulfill dreams and goals along the way collecting recognition from the community, the nation and the world.

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fishing, was a member of the 1936 Pointer football team that won a Metropolitan League championship. Florence Chadwick ('36) was a world-famous endurance swimmer. She became the first woman to swim the 23-mile English Channel in both directions. Suzy Spafford Lidstrom is shown in a 1963 edition of the school newspaper after being voted "Most Artistic." Lidstrom later created the cartoon characters known as "Suzy's Zoo," and sold them on greeting cards, stationery and calendars. The first graduating class (1925) at Point Loma High School consisted of seven students (identities unknown). Above, when Point Loma High was first constructed, it had no landscaping or streets nearby. (Photos from PLHS Collection)

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Whitman wins World Series wager, loses governor's race

GOP gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman calls Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Oct. 27 from South Coast Surf Shop in Ocean Beach to wager on the outcome of the World Series between the San Francisco Giants and the Texas Rangers. Perry presented Whitman with the terms of the bet: If the Rangers were to win the World Series, Whitman would give him a surfboard she purchased at South Coast Surf Shop. If the Giants were to win, Perry bet Whitman a pair of hand-crafted boots provided by popular boot-making manufacturer Justin Boots. The Giants won the World Series four games to one, but Whitman lost in the gubernatorial race Tuesday to Democrat Jerry Brown. Listening in, left, is Fabiano Sarmento, 21, who has worked at the surf shop on Newport Avenue for three years.

Point Loma Association town hall forum tackles local issues

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

With a focus on Peninsula-rooted issues, high-powered representatives from the city, county, airport, military and police department gave presentations and fielded community questions during a town hall meeting hosted by the Point Loma Association on Oct. 26. More than 100 local residents attended the event held at the United Portuguese S.E.S. Hall in Point Loma.

Speakers at the town hall meeting included San Diego Police Department community relations officer David Whitfield, Naval Base Point Loma Commanding Officer Capt. Paul Marconi, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Vice President of Development Bryan Enarson, Peninsula Community Planning Board Chairman Charles Mellor, Harbor Police Chief John Bolduc, San Diego County Board of Supervisors District 1 Supervisor Greg Cox and District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer.

Each provided an update from their



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respective entity and gave a glimpse into the future before taking community questions at the end of the night.

Among the highlights from the meeting:

Timetable given on military projects

Marconi provided an update on Project 401, the fuel-storage facility that broke ground on the base in March 2009. Marconi said the \$139 million project is on schedule to be fully operational in March 2013, with fuel oil reclamation beginning this December. He also addressed the ongoing fuel plume that is leaking contaminants into the soil and ocean adjacent to the base, which he said is a five- to 10-year mitigation project. He said there will be a system in place by March 2011 to begin recovering the oil.

City may install Graffiti Tracker system in 2011

Cox said the city is in the process of implementing the Graffiti Tracker system already used throughout the county in cities like Escondido and Oceanside. According to the company's website, the system catalogs graffiti into a database in order to help identify, track, prosecute and seek restitution from taggers.

At the Oct. 13 meeting of the City Council's Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhood Services, the committee unanimously recommended that the city and county negotiate a contract for the service. For more information about the program, visit graffititracker.net.





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Rear Adm. Ronald Rábago, U.S. Coast Guard assistant commandant for acquisition, answers questions following the acceptance ceremony for Rescue 21, the new search and rescue system. The \$1 billion system covers 167 miles in Sector San Diego.

Coast Guard unveils new search, rescue system

BY ANTHONY GENTILE I THE BEACON

With the installation of a new, cutting-edge Rescue 21 search and rescue system, local boaters are now navigating safer waters. The U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Diego unveiled the technologically-advanced system at its head-quarters in a ceremony Oct. 21.

"It's very cool for San Diego because we're a community on the water, and this way people know that they can feel secure that if ... they get endangered, we now have the ability to find them quicker," said Rep. Susan Davis, 53rd Congressional District, who attended the ceremony.

Currently covering 36,000 miles of coastline nationwide, the \$1 billion Rescue 21 system now covers 167 miles in Sector San Diego — which includes San Diego and Imperial counties, Arizona, southern Nevada and southern Utah. Rescue 21 replaces the National Distress Response System that has been in place since the 1970s.

"It's very important because anyone that gets in a boat or a ship and sails the water — even with the best preparation, things can go wrong," said Rear Adm. Ronald Rábago, U.S. Coast Guard assis-

tant commandant for acquisition. "This system allows, with very little effort on the part of the boater or the mariner, to call distress and then have the confidence that someone is going to come out and rescue them."

Rescue 21 is a network of high-frequency radio antennae and two-way receivers combined with advanced direction-finding technology that can detect and locate distress calls to within a 1.5-mile radius. The system, designed by General Dynamics C4 Systems, also provides increased voice clarity, records emergency calls and detects hoax calls.

"The radios we have are state-of-theart and they are very sensitive. They can pick up a boater in distress signal from 20 miles or more offshore," said Lee Wright, senior director of National Communications and Homeland Security for General Dynamics. "The system has sophisticated electronics to pinpoint where that boater is within a few miles of their location, which saves the Coast Guard a lot of time and resources in locating them."

Radio signals for Rescue 21 will be transmitted from three towers in the area — one at Point Loma, one at Santa Catalina Island and one at Camp Pendleton. Those towers are linked to the mar-

tant commandant for acquisition. "This system allows, with very little effort on channel 16.

"This system does it all in a digital way, plus it has backup systems and it uses a network so that we can manage the whole system," Rábago said. "It is leading-edge technology and, coupled with new radios and other capability, it really does enable us to keep our waters safe and respond to distress calls."

Rábago said most boats already have the proper digital calling service in place. Boaters can connect to Rescue 21 with the simple push of a button.

"It's really simple. It's digital, it's push button; you really don't have to know much, you just have to have it," Rábago said.

Rábago encouraged those with questions about the Rescue 21 system to have the local Coast Guard auxiliary conduct a safety inspection of their boat. The Coast Guard auxiliary is trained to talk about the new system.

"They will do a safety inspection, a safety check for the boats, and advise them the best way to use the system so they can be safe," Rábago said.

For more information about Rescue 21, visit http://www.uscg.mil/acquis ition/rescue21.



A map displaying the coverage area of Rescue 21, the new search and rescue system installed in the U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Diego on Oct. 21. The system can locate and detect distress calls to within a 1.5-mile radius.

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IRONMAN COMPETITOR SPREADS AWARENESS

'Iron Andy' to speak about diabetes at wellness event

By AMBERLY DRESSLER | THE BEACON

Point Loma Cabrillo Drug-Good Neighbor Pharmacy will host "Iron Andy" Holder on Friday, Nov. 12 as part of the store's latest wellness event. Holder, an Ironman competitor and the national spokesman for Good Neighbor, will host the event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Holder is traveling the country speaking at events to raise awareness for diabetes - a disease he was diagnosed with in 2005 — and one that hasn't slowed him down.

"I was 36, so to be diagnosed with Type 1, which is also juvenile diabetes, was pretty shocking, to say the least," Holder said. "But, I felt sorry for myself for about five minutes and then realized I couldn't change it."

Using his wife and two young sons as inspiration, he set out to prove the disease wouldn't limit their lives. Although he had never competed in a triathlon before, nor even owned a bike, Holder competed in his first Ironman Competition just a year after his diagnosis.

"I wanted to do something to inspire people and reach as many people as I could, so I picked the hardest thing that I could think to do at the time," Holder said.

He went on to compete in seven ironman events.

Holder has inspired other adults, too. Jerry Armstrong, a 33-year-old Colorado cop and an "ultra runner" put his inspiration to the pavement.

"He [Armstrong] wanted to do something and use his resources and his talents to help out, and he came up with this idea, to run from San Francisco to San Diego, and do it to raise awareness and raise money for my foundation,"



"Iron Andy" holder, an ironman competitor diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, will visit the Point Loma Cabrillo Drug-Good Neighbor Pharmacy on Nov. 12 to help raise money and awareness to fight the disease.

Holder said.

Although the Iron Andy Foundation is separate from Good Neighbor, Armstrong's 500-mile run will conclude at the Wellness Event.

Armstrong's goal was to raise \$20,000 to send kids with diabetes to summer camp. Armstrong, whose wife has Type 1 diabetes, was near the \$4,000 mark at the end of October.

"These kids go through a lot," Holder said. "It's all day. It's every day. The disease never goes away.

"The great thing about these camps, is that you get to spend a week with 50, 100, 150 other kids that know exactly what you are going through and they can just be a normal kid for a week," he

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PLA branching out with tree plaques in Point Loma Village

BY ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

The sponsor-bearing tree plaques found at the base of the jacaranda trees throughout Point Loma Village have showcased community members for the past 40 years. The Point Loma Association (PLA) is now looking to add to the roster of community icons and loved ones with a reinvigorated tree-plaque project.

"When you're down there walking around in the village, you see a chain of history in the community," said PLA member Robert Tripp Jackson. "It's kind of neat and with this latest effort we're just really enhancing that."

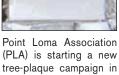
The PLA hopes to outfit all of the existing jacaranda and gold medallion trees on Cañon and Rosecrans streets with 5-by-7-inch plaques as part of the campaign. Jackson said there are about 50 trees in the area that are currently

"Basically what we're doing is the people who are interested go down, pick out a tree, we mark it and then we'll have

the plaque made and then installed [with their names or the names of a loved one]," Jackson said.

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Proceeds the \$350 bronze plaques will support the PLA and their



the Point Loma Village. COURTESY PHOTO

various beautification projects within the community. Many of the trees in Point Loma Village were actually planted by the PLA.

"Every Friday, the Beautification Committee of the association goes out and works throughout the community,' Iackson said. "To find funding and budgeting for these enhancement projects is often difficult."

For more information, call (619) 987-1970, or visit www.plaweb.org.

Traffic study report highlights PCPB's meeting under the stars

By ANTHONY GENTILE | THE BEACON

As the result of a miscommunication. the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) held its Oct. 21 meeting on the steps outside the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library rather than inside

The nine board members present conducted the meeting under the glow of the orange parking lot lights before a scant public audience.

Although PCPB Chairman Charles Mellor had announced plans to be absent from the meeting, Vice Chairwoman Helen Kinnaird apparently did not make arrangements in advance to get the library key, forcing the meeting to be held outside.

The meeting lasted roughly an hour. The meeting's highlight was the presentation of a final report on the Rosecrans Corridor Mobility Study — a plan to ease chronic traffic congestion in the Midway District.

City project manager Oscar Valdivieso presented the report, which included 22 concepts to improve traffic flow along Rosecrans Boulevard from Old Town Transit Station to Kellogg Street. The concepts were derived from a ninemonth intensive study.

PCPB members asked questions about the report, and Traffic and Transportation Subcomittee Chairman Scott Brown said his committee would meet to further study the latest options before the next PCPB meeting on Thursday, Nov. 18. The 12-chapter report can be found online at www.sandiego.gov/engineeringcip/rosecransstudy.

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For Barry Soper, an unlikely friendship with Rufus Hannah led to an incredible journey. Through the Point Loma resident, Hannah shares his tale — from a shaky childhood to starring in the notorious "Bumfights" reality films to picking up his life and becoming a humanitarian — events all chronicled in the memoir "A Bum Deal."

"I hope that it could inspire other people to change," Hannah said. "Most people have the potential to change. You just have to want to. Also, you have to have somebody like Barry that is willing to take a chance and go the distance through the good and the bad."

Today, most might not recognize the clean-cut Hannah as the former "Rufus the Stunt Bum," a toothless, wild-eyed homeless stuntman with crazy hair from the infamous "Bumfights" videos shot in the beginning of last decade. Hannah currently lives with his wife in La Mesa and speaks on behalf of the homeless at schools and before legislators a far cry from being pushed in a shopping cart down the stairs behind a grocery store for beer money 10 years ago.

"It seemed like it went fast, but it has been a journey,' Hannah said.

Soper and Hannah met in 2000 at an apartment complex Soper owned in San Carlos. It wasn't friendship at first sight, however. Hannah emerged from a dumpster to see Soper confronting another homeless person.

"When he [Hannah] jumped out, the way he looked, it was like an animal coming out at me. It was frightening," Soper

The next day, Soper offered Hannah and Hannah's friend, Donnie Brennan, work fixing fences around the complex. After eight weeks, the work ran out and Hannah moved east to La Mesa.

"All of a sudden, the bum aspect had dissipated and I got to know them as human beings," Soper said.

With East County as a backdrop, Hannah embarked on a painful episode of his life. Living behind a grocery store in La Mesa and making between \$10 and \$15 per day, Hannah was approached by

high school student Ryen McPherson ken leg in the process. and asked if he wanted to make \$5.

"I asked him what I had to do." Hannah said. "He [McPherson) pointed behind the building and there was a ramp there where they had milk crates wrapped in plastic. He said 'I want you to run head first into those.' So I ran into them, knocked some of them over."

For the next three years, McPherson would regularly look for Hannah to film alcohol-fueled stunts for the "Bumfights" films he was producing and selling on

the Internet. The cash promises

HANNAH & BARRY W. SOPER "A Bum Deal" COURTESY PHOTO

> were always delivered to Hannah, but so was the physical pain from performing stunts that included a perilous skateboard ride down the 125 Freeway and running headfirst into a metal storage container.

> "When I ran into that metal container, the next thing I knew, all I could see was white light," Hannah said. "I got up the next morning and I thought I broke my neck. It was probably a week before I could even move."

> Taking on the persona of "Rufus the Stunt Bum," Hannah continued performing dangerous stunts for McPherson and entertained an occasional cheering section. He hit rock bottom when he punched Brennan on command in a fastfood parking lot, giving his friend a bro-

"It just got crazier and crazier," Hannah said.

A few days after that punch — and almost three years since he first met them — Soper saw Hannah and Brennan at a gas station in El Cajon. With no knowledge of "Bumfights," Soper immediately noticed the phrase tattooed on Brennan's forehead — Hannah has it spelled out on his knuckles - and asked what was going on.

"He explained what happened and I told him I was going to get the best civil attorney to represent you guys," Soper said. "Nobody does this to a human being."

McPherson heard about the potential charges and fled to Las Vegas with Hannah and Brennan, where they were sequestered in an apartment during the day and performing more stunts at night. Hannah called Soper during that time and explained he needed help. Soper obliged by going to Las Vegas and risking his own life to get Hannah and Brennan out of the apartment and back to San

"I promised the guys, 'After this, you're safe.' There's no more videotaping. No more Ryen McPherson. It's done," Soper

While Hannah was freed from the videotaping, he was still battling an addiction to alcohol. At the urging of Soper, Hannah entered a 28-day inpatient rehab program at the VA Hospital in La Jolla.

Hannah completed the program and continued the road to recovery at Veterans Village of San Diego, then known as Vietnam Veterans of San Diego. After that, Hannah spent 17 months in an education program in Escondido. During this time, Soper stood by Hannah's



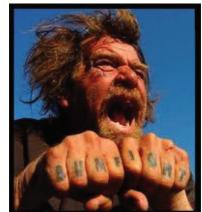
The unlikely friendship between the formerly homeless Rufus Hannah (left) and Point Loma resident Barry Soper led to an incredible journey. In the memoir "A Bum Deal." Soper shares Hannah's story, which includes starring as "Rufus the Stunt Bum" in the infamous "Bumfights' films in the early 2000s.

side, supporting him and helping with whatever Hannah needed.

'When people read the story, hopefully they can get out of it that you can help somebody and it can turn around," Soper said. "That's what rings out with Rufus' story."

Today, Hannah still has vision and equilibrium issues and still bears the tattoos on his knuckles as painful reminders of "Bumfights." He has spoken about homelessness at high schools and colleges around the country, and last month he wrote a letter to U.S. Sen. Benjamin Cardin urging him to support the Hate

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Rufus Hannah took on the persona "Rufus the Stunt Bum" while starring in the infamous "Bumfights" films.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

PLHS neighbors should be more open to the 'stadium experience'

BY CELESTE ABBOTT

If you are lucky enough to have a home by the beach, you are lucky enough to hear the ocean in the morning, watch the sun set at night and sometimes ... you may have to clean the sand out of your toes. This is just a byproduct of living by the beach.

It has been my recent experience that some neighbors of Point Loma High School (PLHS) are taking issue with the noise and traffic that are results of the PLHS stadium facility when it is being used as it was intended. This includes, but is not limited to, drop-off and pick-up of players and fans, the public address system and cheers of the enthusiastic spectators who are showing support for the kids and families in our community.

A few weekends ago, our flag football team of 5- to 7year-olds were told not to cheer loud. We were not allowed to use the public stadium entrance on the bleacher side of the field or use the public parking on Voltaire Street and adjacent streets. For many alumni, this is the only entrance we are familiar with in association to sporting events in our stadium. Several parents and visitors missed part of the game trying to figure out how to get into the stadium.

To some up my issues, I'm going to quote a dear friend of mine, Jim Chavarria. He is a parent, concerned citizen and former PLHS student.

"When I attended PLHS (1990-93) the surrounding neighbors had similar issues. They complained that kids left trash in their yards and smoked on their properties during our open-campus lunch period. They complained of the gangs, graffiti and fights that spilled over into their yards. Police began clearing the bad apples out of the area and peace was restored for the neighbors. The neighbors ended up winning that battle and the open-campus lunches ended (understandably so).

"The issue today is completely different and completely WRONG! I believe that our message to the neighbors of PLHS should be that these are POSITIVE events taking place and the by-product is that the homeowners have a quality school in their neighborhood that INCREASES their home values."

Now, having attended PLHS (1986-90) myself, I have to wonder if these are the same neighbors who are complaining about a totally different topic 20 years later. I certainly recognized some of the neighbors from 20 years ago, and it frustrates me that our PLHS administrators and concerned parents have to spend their most precious resource —TIME — to accommodate these complaints, when there are far more important scholastic issues to address.

Let's give the voice to the families that want to preserve the rites of passage for our young athletes who train diligently. They shed blood, sweat and tears to play the games and they deserve a public address system, stadium lights (which the neighbors have fought hard not to allow), as well as parking and access on Voltaire Street. Our children deserve the full stadium experience that inspires positive things.

Please remember, if you're lucky enough to own a home by Point Loma High School, you are lucky enough to hear the excitement of crowds cheer as children's dreams come true. The price for this experience is minor and temporary; loud cheering, and traffic from the night before when a community came together to witness great moments of their relative, friend, teammate or fellow student. It's just a byproduct owning a home nestled to our beloved Point Loma High School. Help be part of the solution, not the problem.

> **Celeste Abbott** Ocean Beach

GUEST COMMENTARY

Rotary Clock at Liberty Station honors distinguished Point Loma resident

BY GARY EASTMAN | POINT LOMA ROTARY

At 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 15, family and friends of Jim Davis gathered in the new park at Liberty Station to dedicate the recentlyinstalled Rotary International Clock in his

James McCoy Davis was born Oct. 19, 1914 in Columbus, Ohio and grew up there in the American Midwest. He was superbly educated with degrees in business from Ohio State University, Divinity from Oberlin Graduate School of Theology and a Ph.D. in education from Columbia University.

Incredibly, he used all his education, having careers as a minister in congregational churches; as a professor and administrator at the universities of Washington, Michigan and United States International University in San Diego; and as a businessman running consulting and investment businesses.

During World War II, he served as an Army chaplain in China, Burma and India with the 475th Infantry Division, called the Mars Task Force, a group that followed in the footsteps of the famous Merrill's Marauders. Jim earned four Campaign Stars and a Bronze Star with an Oak Leaf Cluster, rising to the rank of major. After the war, Jim finished his education and pursued his multiple careers and married Phyllis Rowe, whom he met at Columbia.

In 1973, Jim finally settled down, retired from education and returned to San Diego, entering the investment business. It was here that the Point Loma community really got to know him. He was committed to service and threw himself into civic organizations, serving as president of the Point Loma Rotary Club, president of the World Affairs Council, president of the Board of Consumer Credit Counselors, founding director of Baja Presbyterian Missions, grand juror for San Diego County, president of the Past Grand Jurors Association, and deacon of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he also sang in the choir. Jim was a true internationalist and through Rotary and the World Affairs Coun-



Members of the Point Loma Rotary Club and friends and family of the late James McCoy Davis gathered Oct. 15 to dedicate a Rotary-donated clock tower in his name at Liberty Station. Davis was an active and longtime member of the Point Loma Rotary International Club. Shown are, from left: daughter Linda Bryson; wife Phyllis Davis; son Paul Davis; Frank White, Point Loma Rotary Club president; daughter Carol Davis; granddaughter Amy Bryson; daughter Peri Ceperley; and Rotarian Dick Thorn. Not shown is daughter Jamie Micalizzi.

cil he, Phyllis and their family have traveled unable to come. throughout the world.

The Point Loma Rotary Club is very proud to have this Rotary Clock dedicated to the memory of Jim Davis and are grateful for the contributions of Point Loma Rotarians — in particular, Richard Thorn and Robert Wight, the Davis Family and the Hervey Fund of the San Diego Foundation — for making it possible. The club was delighted that Phyllis and four of the Davis children — Peri, Linda, Carol, Paul and granddaughter Amy were able to attend the ceremony. The fifth daughter, Jamie, was

Within Point Loma Rotary, Jim was famous for his knowledge and passion for Rotary International.

He was our "Mr. Rotary." Many of us knew him as a great Rotarian, as a civic or church leader or as husband and father. He was all these things. But most of all, he was a good and caring human being. A clock is the perfect reminder of the timelessness of Jim's spirit. It lives today in all who have known him and the many others he touched in a long and remarkably fruitful life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer sees uncanny coincidence

The Chargers say they will need \$500 million of tax dollars to build a stadium downtown. The mayor says he needs \$500 million more tax dollars for city services (Prop D). A coincidence?

> **Don French** Ocean Beach

How much is enough when it comes to education dollars?

Re: "Educators, parents mull effectiveness of Prop J," [Oct. 21 Peninsula Beacon, page 4.]

[San Diego Unified School trict Superintendent] Bill Kowba said each student was "allocated" \$4,957 for 2010-11.

This is just one small piece of

the pie, probably intended to misinform.

The San Diego Unified School District budget can be found at: www.sandi.net/2045101061140 3253/lib/20451010611403253 /SDUSD_2010-11_Bud-

get_Adoption_presentation_0629 10.pdf.

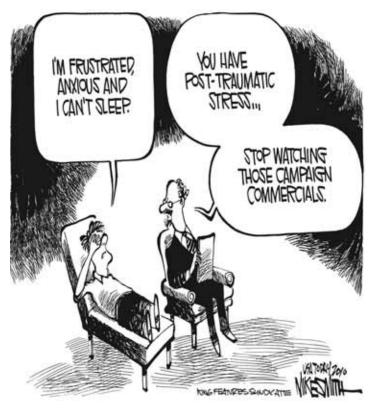
The district now lists 131,541 pre-kindergarten through grade 12 students. The total budget for 2009-10 was \$2.018 billion, or about \$15,300 per student.

The total budget for 2010-2011 was \$1.877 billion, or about \$14,250 per student.

At that rate, the district spends about \$427,500 per class of 30.

How much is enough?

Dennis Pekin Ocean Beach



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MARIJUANA SMASH AND GRAB

Left, a thief forced his way into the San Diego Organic Collective on Shelter Island Drive sometime during the early morning hours of Oct. 26, breaking down a door, smashing a window and making off with dozens of marijuana joints. Right, a still-shot from a surveillance camera captures the apparent thief during the break-in.

NEWS*briefs*

Sacred Heart Academy students to host canned food drive

Sacred Heart Academy and parishioners of Sacred Heart Church of Ocean Beach will invite the community to participate in a canned food drive on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Appletree Market.

The event, which runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., takes place at the church, located at 4949 Santa Monica Ave. between Bacon and Cable streets. Proceeds will benefit Sacred Heart Church's Loaves and Fishes program, offsetting the cost of feeding the local homeless every other Tuesday.

With the holidays quickly approaching, church members are asking the community to help reach out and help the ongoing efforts of students of Sacred Heart Academy to touch the lives of those

For more information, call (619) 222-7252, or visit www.s-h-a.org.

Rock Church slates parenting conference on difficult kids

Members of the Rock Church will host a special parenting conference for interested moms and dads

who may be struggling with issues and difficult children. The conference will be held for three days at the Liberty Station church site in Point Loma, with another slated to take place in Carlsbad.

The event will feature author John Rosemond, who penned "Parenting by the Book." Rosemond will focus on topics like "Parenting the Strong-Willed Teenager" and "Parenting with Love and Leader-

Rosemond, a family psychologist with more than 35 years' experience working with parents, will offer his knowledge and insights to parents at discounted prices. Parents throughout the community are invited to learn more about raising happy, welladjusted children.

Childcare is available in limited cases. Participants should confirm whether such services are available on given days.

Conference dates and times are:

- Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.;
- Wednesday, Nov. 17, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.;
- Friday, Nov. 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; • and Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The conference opens on Nov. 16 at the Rock Church North County, located at 2215 Calle Barcelona in Carlsbad. The remaining events take place at the Rock Church in Liberty Station,

2277 Rosecrans St.

Conference prices for individuals and couples varies: the cost for individuals on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday is \$15 (\$20 per couple), and \$25 individually on Saturday (\$30 per couple).

For more information about the event, a complete list of classes, prices, childcare service or to register, visit http://www.therocksandiego.org/ministries/ch ildrens/parentingconference/. For more information about the Rock Church, visit www.therocksandiego.org.

Beacon freelance writer wins three SDPC journalism awards

Peninsula Beacon freelance writer Nicole Sours Larson brought home three awards from the 37th

annual San Diego Press Club Excellence in Journalism Awards, held at Balboa Park's Hall of Champions on Oct. 19.

One article. "Fatal collision mars holiday boat parade," which ran in the Dec. 23, 2009 Beacon, won a first-place award in the non-daily newspapers breaking news category. A second story, "Hornblower Hybrid ushers in quiet technology at Embarcadero," from the Dec. 17, 2009 Beacon, won



NICOLE SOURS LARSON

second place in the science and technology category. Larson also earned second-place accolades for "Sea Lube: Fast and Efficient Oil Changes" in Sea Magazine about a Shelter Island-based business providing mobile oil changes for boats.

"It's always so exciting to have your work recognized by your peers," said Larson, who said she enjoys writing about boats. During the banquet, Larson was also elected the San Diego Press Club's first vice president.



With the help of Barry Soper, Rufus Hannah has moved on from "Bumfights," currently completely sober and living with his wife in La

RUFUS

Crimes Against the Homeless Statistics Act of 2009 - a letter that was read into the record.

Soper came up with the idea to write "A Bum Deal" at the urging of late "60 Minutes" host Ed Bradley, who Soper met with in 2006 while Bradley was doing a story on the "Bumfights" saga. Bradley told Soper he was the one who needed to tell the story, which begins with Hannah's childhood.

"Then Rufus and I started working on it and I started writing and working on it and making sure every detail was accurate," Soper said.

In September, "A Bum Deal" was published. The 238-page memoir of Hannah's life is told in first person from Hannah's perspective. The memoir has already been featured nationally in the New York Post, CNN and the TV show "Inside Edition."



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Thousands of Pointer alumni have contributed to their communities through diverse pursuits like medicine, law, education, arts and entertainment, business, entrepreneurship, philanthropy and other arenas.

As the school reaches its milestone of 85 years as a local academic institution, The Peninsula Beacon salutes all Point Loma alums. The following Who's Who of notable Point Loma High individuals is, by no means, complete. After each person's name are parentheses with the students' year of graduation. PLHS Hall of Fame members are denoted by

THE ARTS

- Marion Ross (class of '46) is an actress with Broadway, film and TV credits. Her most famous role was as Marion Cunningham on the "Happy Days" TV show from 1974 to 1984.
- **Spencer Moses** ('90) is an actor with Broadway and extensive regional theater credits.
- Suzy Spafford ('63 HOF) created "Suzy's Zoo" and has sold millions of greeting cards, calendars and stationery
- Steven V. Correia ('67 HOF) is known as one of the greatest glass artists in history. His work is in the Smithsonian and White House art collections. Correia Middle School in Point Loma bears his name.
- Nicole Opper ('98) is an awardwinning documentary film producer and
- Richard Arnold ('59) has operated his own sculpture studio in Telluride, Co. since 1973. His bronze sculpture "Spirit of The Pointer Dog," will be installed on the PLHS campus in a ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 14.





Left, members of the Point Loma High School cheerleading squad of 1934 seem a bit subdued when compared with this year's seniors (class of 2011), right, who won first place at the Las Vegas-themed Homecoming festivities Friday at the football field with their float and dance routine based on The Hard Rock Hotel. Also on Friday, the junior class took second place with their pirate outfits and swords, based on Treasure Island. The sophomores (2013) won third place with their theme of The Blue Man Group, while the freshmen class had a float with the theme of Circus Circus. (Historic photo from PLHS collection/staff photo by Scott Hopkins I The Beacon)

- Joe Hutching ('72 HOF) won Oscars for film editing on "Born on the Fourth of July" and "JFK."
- Aaron Zigman ('80) has written musical scores for more than 30 films, including "Sex and the City" 1 and 2, and "The Ugly Truth."
- Eric and Chris Reading ('86) are a Nashville country-western singing duet with a promising future.
- Jason Scheff ('80) became the bass player and a vocalist for the rock band Chicago in 1985.
- Steve Withers ('78) is a pianist who toured with Michael Crawford's solo show and is a veteran cast member of the comedy "Forever Plaid."
- Jack Gross ('47) wrote episodes of many TV shows including "Gilligan's Island," "Different Strokes," "My Favorite Martian" and others. Deceased.
- Margaret Avery ('61) was nominated for an Academy Award for her role as Shug Avery in the film "The Color Purple.'

 Miles Doughty and Kyle McDonald (both '96) are members of the local hit band Slightly Stoopid, and were signed by Skunk Records while still students at PLHS.

ATHLETICS:

- Faye Baird Fraser ('27) is recognized as the first woman to surf in San
- Florence Chadwick ('36) was a world-famous endurance swimmer and became the first woman to swim the 23mile English Channel in both directions. Deceased.
- Jack Prodanovich ('32) was recognized as a pioneer in skin diving and spear fishing. Was head custodian at PLHS for years. Deceased.
- · Peter Peckham ('44) was a threetime world champion sailor in the Pacific Class (PC) boat. A major real estate investor and philanthropist, Peckham's family funded the girls' softball field at PLHS and a wing of lockers in the 300

building. Deceased.

- Malin Burnham ('45 HOF) is a well-known insurance executive, investor and philanthropist in San Diego. Won the prestigious Star-class world sailing championship at the age of 17 at
- Lowell North ('47 HOF) won a sailing gold medal in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. Founder of North Sails.
- Dennis Conner ('60) achieved fame by winning sailing's America's Cup four times. Also a two-time Star-class world champion.
- Mark Reynolds ('73) also won Starclass Olympic gold sailing in 1992 (Barcelona, Spain) and 2000 (Sydney, Australia).
- Don Larsen ('47 HOF) stunned the baseball world when, on Oct. 8, 1956, he threw a perfect game for the Yankees in The World Series against the Brooklyn
- David Wells ('82 HOF) also pitched a perfect game for the Yankees on May

- 17, 1998 against the Toronto Blue Jays. PLHS baseball field at Dana Middle School was officially named "David Wells Field" last year.
- Jeff Staggs ('62) was a football linebacker at San Diego State University and played pro football for the AFL and NFL Chargers and Cardinals from 1967 to 1973.
- Greg Slough ('65) played linebacker at the University of Southern California and professionally for the Oakland Raiders from 1971-72.
- Peter McNabb ('70) played 14 years of NHL hockey, making the All-Star team in 1977. Played for Team USA in 1986.
- Jacqui (Nicoletti) McSorley ('80) won the Jr. World Golf Championship for her age division in 1973. Went to USC on a golf scholarship, played on Japan's
 - Kelly Ricon Mitchell ('77) was a

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member of the U.S. Olympic crew team.

- Terry Mann ('87) played on the four-time state championship Lady Pointer basketball team that went 122-1 during that time. She was California Player of the Year twice. Scored 3,188 points in her PLHS career, set a state record of 250 steals in a season and a U.S. record of 2,256 career rebounds.
- Eric Allen ('83) was a defensive back in football who went on to stardom at Arizona State University and with the Philadelphia Eagles of the NFL. He was a six-time Pro Bowl selection and is still the only player to return three or more interceptions for touchdowns in two separate seasons.
- JJ Stokes ('90) played as a wide receiver at the University of Califoria, Los Angeles before joining the San Francisco 49ers as a first-round draft choice. Spent nine years in the NFL.
- La'Roi Glover ('92) defensive lineman who starred at SDSU before being drafted in the NFL. Played 13 seasons with six Pro Bowl selections. He donates two major scholarships annually to PLHS seniors.
- Class of 2010 members **Kevin** Laube, Jake LaDow, Shone Bowman, Jake Reynolds, Claire Bagg and Reece Bernet won the National High School Sailing Championship. Team members Olin Paine, Will Herrin and Kyle Sutter and others are current PLHS students.

ACADEMICS:

• Jeffrey Bennett ('76) is a wellknown astronomer, educator and author living in Colorado. He has written five textbooks and developed a solar system model on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.



Point Loma's Homecoming King Kellen Urbon and Queen Kaylee Bruhn are all smiles last Friday during ceremonies at halftime of SCOTT HOPKINS I THE REACON the football game.

- Todd Benjamin ('69) has been seen by millions worldwide as a financial reporter/interviewer for the CNN Net-
- Gordon Thompson ('47) was appointed as a federal judge in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California in 1970 by President Richard M. Nixon.
- Larry Irving ('52) was also appointed as a federal judge in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California in 1982 by President Ronald Reagan. He resigned in 1990.
- David Thompson ('49) was appointed as a federal Judge, Court of Appeals, 9th District in 1985 by President Ronald Reagan. He served until
- Mack Lovett ('49) was named as a Superior Court judge in San Diego County in 1974. He retired in 1995.
- John Thompson ('68) and Gerald Jessop ('69) are currently serving as Superior Court judges in San Diego County. They were re-elected in June.

POLITICS:

• John de Beck ('47) is currently serving on the San Diego Unified School District's Board of Education. First elected in 1990, he lost his re-election bid Tuesday.

- Bill Lowery ('65) was a San Diego City Councilmember from 1977-80. In 1980, he was elected to the 41st District Congressional seat and re-elected five
- Byron Wear ('72) was elected to represent the Point Loma community in District 2 on the San Diego City Council in 1995 and 1998.
- Ben Hueso ('87) was elected to the District 8 seat on the San Diego City Council in 2006 and subsequently elected City Council president. He was in a runoff race this week for re-election.

PHILANTHROPY:

The Hervey Family: The generosity of the Hervey family, which includes four PLHS alumni, has assisted with many oncampus and community projects, including the ocean-themed Point Loma branch of the San Diego Public Library that bears their name.

• Susanne Cramer Ballantyne ('50) has given thousands of hours to establish and maintain records of PLHS alumni. Writing by hand before the computer era, she copied and maintained every graduation record. She still reports information to PLHS Alumni Director Kim **Iessop** ('73), and as Jessop says, "can recognize any PLHS alumni from 50 paces!"

THE FUTURE:

A new eight-classroom building will open in January. That will free up precious campus space that will be converted to state-of-the-art music and video production facilities. A new sports medicine program for students will also open in partnership with Point Loma Nazarene University. Upgrades to the school's infrastructure are also scheduled with Proposition S money.

2 – Perfect games pitched in major league baseball by alumni Don Larsen and David Wells. PLHS is the only high school in the U.S. with this distinction.

- **4 –** High school sailing championships won by PLHS (2003-05, 2010).
- **122-1** Lady Pointers' basketball record during a run of four straight state basketball championships.
- **2,256** Career rebounds for Lady Pointer basketball player Terri Mann – a U.S. record.
- **3,188** Points scored by Mann in her PLHS career.
- **250** Steals in a season by Mann a state record.
- **13.5** Acres occupied by the PLHS campus
- **52** Recommended acreage for a school with a population similar to that of PLHS
- **30 –** Teachers assigned to PLHS when it opened in 1925.
- **386** Number of students when the school first opened.
- **7-12 -** Grades of students who attended PLHS when it first opened.
- **10-12 -** Grades remaining at PLHS after Dana Junior High opened in 1949.
- 9-12 Grades attending PLHS since Dana was closed in 1983.
- **2,050** Approximate current enrollment at PLHS.
- 4 Number of times in the last five years the PLHS football team has reached the CIF Div. III Championships at Qualcomm Stadium

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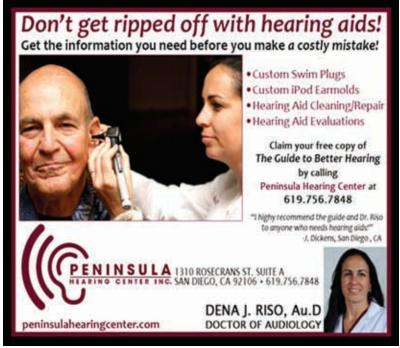


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VFW

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would not be renewing its monthto-month lease. Cocking said he gave the post more than the required twomonth notice and that a current tenant would fill the space starting in

"We don't have enough room for all the tenants, so we elected to rent to another tenant rather than them [the VFW]," Cocking said. "I'm sorry that they have to go. It was strictly a business decision. It wasn't anything else."

In addition to providing a haven for veterans, the local VFW post has also given back to the community through its thrift store and numerous volunteer efforts over the years. Last year alone, the post made donations to about 25 organizations, including local schools, seasonal events and Point Loma Little League.

"This post has done a lot for this community and it would be nice if the community did a little bit for the post," Tulsie said.

The VFW post also puts out the flags that line Newport Avenue on



The entrance to VFW Post 1392 on Newport Avenue is familiar to locals. The post is currently looking for a new location and seeking help from the community.

each national holiday. This iconic to volunteer their services would be gesture boosts patriotism, in even the most liberal of locales.

'We have such a dynamic, powerful and patriotic presence out here in Ocean Beach," Tulsie said. "And the people are proud. They're proud of their vets, they're proud of their active duty, they're proud of their

Tulsie said any local real estate agents or licensed contractors able Tulsie at (619) 572-7554.

a great help. The local VFW is also accepting donations of any amount to lessen the possibility of an extended closure once the lease

"We just need a lot of help from a lot of different people," Tulsie said. "Anything anybody could do would be greatly appreciated."

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BUDGET

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we might have to make," Goldstone said.

With a reduction goal of 6.7 percent for police and fire-rescue departments — and 23.7 percent for all other departments — six city department heads shared with local residents what their respective cuts would look like in order to meet the identified targets.

Here is a department-by-department glimpse at the cuts to meet their targets:

POLICE

San Diego Police Chief William Lansdowne said he would have to cut 169 full-time sworn officers. Other cuts would eliminate two police divisions and close all police "storefront" operations. Lansdowne said all of the potential reductions mean the San Diego Police Department would not be able to meet its current seven-minute response window.

FIRE-RESCUE

San Diego Fire Department Chief Javier Mainar said potential reductions include brownouts for five additional fire engines or trucks — sidelining 12 full-time employees with each brownout. He said a pilot for one of the two air operations helicopters would be eliminated, along with a reduction of lifeguards for Mission Bay and Ocean Beach, and a 50 percent downsizing of the city's lifeguard night crew.

PARK AND REC

Director Stacy LoMedico said the hours of operation at recreation centers citywide would need to be reduced from 40 to 20 hours weekly and that the cuts would force the closure of nine recreation centers, two visitor centers, two gymnasiums and force the closure of all but one city pool. LoMedico mentioned additional reductions in service, including scaling back the hours of opera-

LIBRARIES

Director Deborah Barrow said potential reductions include the permanent closure of two facilities, rolling brownouts for branch libraries and shared staff. The hypothetical cuts also include a reduction in children's services and programming.

tion at the public buildings in Balboa Park.

STREETS

Potential reductions would mean about 8,000 to 10,000 fewer fixes to potholes, 1,400 fewer street light repairs and 700 fewer sidewalks repaired each year citywide. They also would result in elimination of all weed abatement and non-emergency tree trimming and cut one-quarter of the emergency tree service.

NO EASY FIXES

Goldstone said Proposition D would have acted like a "bridge loan" for the trying economic times. In light of its defeat Tuesday, the city cannot count on the estimated \$102 million per year the tax was expected to bring

"The only aspect that makes [the identified cuts] related is that if Prop D passes it would be a revenue source that could help close this budget gap," Goldstone said. "Short of that, I can't count this one way or another. That's why we've asked the departments to identify these reductions right now."

Bay Park resident Jon Christensen was one of the 30 audience members. He described the meeting as "business as usual" for the

"It's time to actually see some leadership instead of just rearranging bureaucratic deck chairs," Christensen said. "I don't think they are taking on the tough issues. Everybody's attention is pension, pension, pension. They don't want to take on the really hard questions, which go beyond the pen-

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said. "What I've learned of how cool these camps are, I've also learned that some families can't afford them. so, to me, that was tragic. If the least I can do is raise some money to send kids to camp, that was easy to me."

Holder also makes it a priority to speak of the preventable diabetes, Type 2.

"They use to call them juvenile diabetes and adult onset diabetes," Holder said, "and now they are stick-

ing to calling it Type 1 and Type 2 because what we are seeing, unfortunately, are young teenagers, and younger, getting what we call adult able is attending community wellonset and that is happening because of poor lifestyle choices.

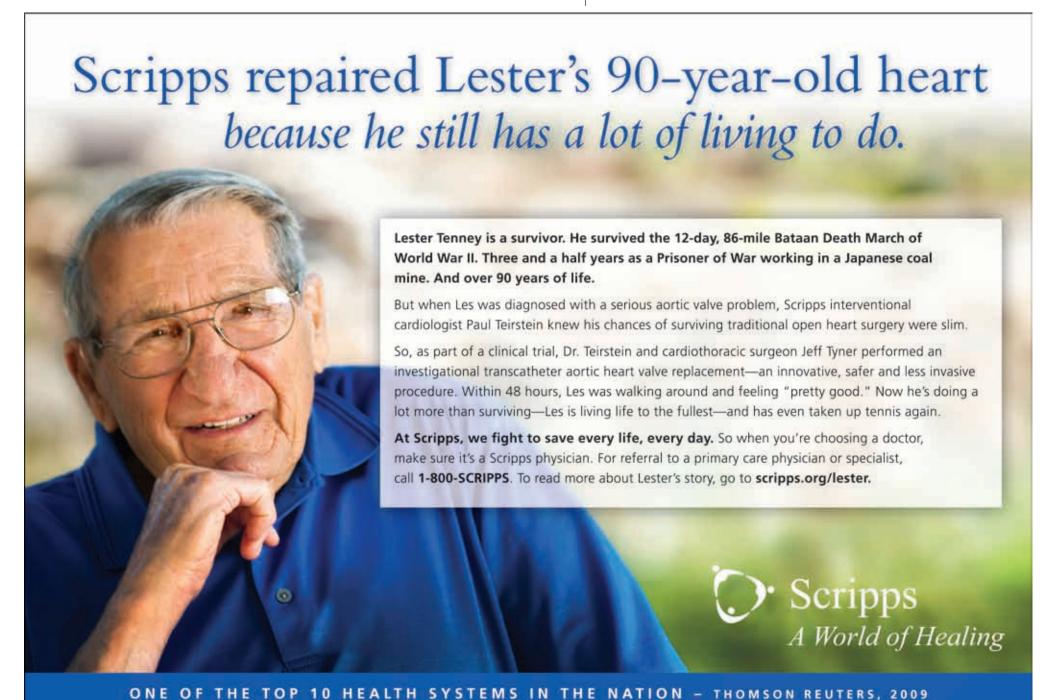
Holder said some kids and adults are pre-disposed to Type 2 because of family history and/or certain ethnic backgrounds.

"The best thing they can do to prevent it from ever happening, is to live a healthy and active lifestyle," Holder said. "There is nothing that I could have done to stop myself from getting diabetes. With Type 2 diabetes, you can make a difference through the choices that you make every day."

One choice that can prove invaluness events.

"I've actually been to these screenings where people find out that they have diabetes right there, which is pretty scary," Holder said. "But, it's a great thing that the store is providing the community."

To learn more about the Iron Andy Foundation, or to donate, visit www.ironandyfoundation.org. The address for the Wellness Event is 955 Catalina Blvd. in Point Loma.





Special awardees honored by the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association during the annual awards celebration Oct. 28 were, from left, Barbara lacometti, Cordelia Mendoza, Jim

OBMA honors community's movers and shakers

The Ocean Beach MainStreet Asso- Ocean Beach and cooperative filming ciation (OBMA) extended its annual "thank you" last week to outstanding businesses and community members who made significant achievements in 2010. The recognition came during the yearly OBMA awards celebration

The Promotion Committee, represented by committee chairwoman Cordelia Mendoza, honored the following:

• Hodad's: CNN Award for national recognition on the network;

efforts with local businesses:

- Dreamgirls Clothing Co.: Received the Business Award for its many years in business in downtown Ocean Beach:
- Shannon Brown, Brown Marketing: Community Volunteer Award for her work with the new OB Restaurant & Entertainment Group (OBREG);
- Dave Martin and Kevin Alsobrook, **OBREG:** Best New Marketing Promotion Award for efforts in getting OBREG

bara Iacometti, honored the following: Young At Art Children's Creative Center: Beautification Award for its work on the corner of Newport Avenue and

- Cable Street; • Pizza Port: Best Remodel Award for its interior and exterior remodel of an old
- Ciao Bella: Best Themed Remodel Award for its interior remodel;
- Margarita's: Interior Remodel Award for its interior revitalization;
- Zed Electric: Community Volunteer

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Purring Parrot pampers cats, birds at PL resort

BY NICOLE SOURS LARSON | THE BEACON

Cats and birds together? No way!

That's the most frequent reaction when people hear of the unique concept pioneered by Maria and Patrick Brinson, owners of The Purring Parrot, the couple's Point Loma cat and bird resort located near Liberty Station.

The cheerful resort with its whimsically-painted cat rooms and aviary, all designed by Patrick, bears little resemblance to dreary, old-fashioned cagefilled boarding facilities. Here, up to 15 visiting birds occupy the central aviary and adjacent canopy room, where they sit on perches and enjoy interacting and playing with other birds.

Feline guests can watch the birds' antics through the glass doors of their individually decorated suites while the cats snuggle on soft beds, splash in their water fountains and chomp on kitty grass. Thanks to soundproof one-way glass, the cats can see the birds, but the birds can't see the cats.

Merlin, Bean and Soda Pop, three of the Brinsons' five resident birds, do "fly bys" past the cats' rooms, providing extra "bird-o-vision" entertainment. Shy or frightened cats can curl up in a hideyhole, conceal themselves behind drapery or climb carpeted ramps to a high perch to avoid curious and noisy birds.

The Brinsons ensure their feathered and furry friends feel comfortable and at home. They encourage the guardians of The Purring Parrot's guests to bring their pet's favorite foods if different from the resort's normal menu — along with favorite toys and other items as reminders of home.

Valerie Miller's citron-crested umbrella cockatoo (named Sydney) is a regular day and overnight boarder at The Purring Parrot. Miller said she values the care, mental stimulation and socialization Sydney receives as a member of a flock of parrots.

"Maria and Patrick really have considered everything. They're so well-edu cated in the care of birds," Miller said. "Maria dances and sings with the birds and makes foraging toys and mechanical puzzles for them.'

During a recent visit, Maria coaxed Roo, a Panama Amazon parrot, to warble his favorite song, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," while Maria tempted Roo's companion, Linus (a plum-headed parakeet), with a plump strawberry and corn-on-the-cob. Both birds visit weekly to socialize with other parrots and overnight when their guardians travel.

The Purring Parrot can accommodate up to about 45 cats and kittens in 18 double rooms and three larger rooms comfortable for three to six cats. They, too, receive at least three visits a day, for housekeeping, brushing, feeding and one-on-one playtime.

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The long-awaited upstairs expansion of the popular South Beach Bar and Grille restaurant at the end of Newport Avenue in Ocean Beach was unveiled Oct. 16 with a grand view of the OB Pier next door.

South Beach opens its stairway to heaven

The second story of South Beach Bar and Grille on Newport Avenue, famous for its fish tacos and ocean views, opened its renovated second-story addition Oct. 16. The main reason for the addition was to better accommodate customers, offering them more seating and space, said manager John Belmont.

Wide, dark-green carpeted stairs bathrooms have a modern, hotel-feel to guide patrons to the top of the restaurant where the ocean views only get better from the padded bar stools. Six televisions line the walls.

The same full menu of food and drinks are available throughout the cash-only restaurant. The second-story them.

South Beach has been in business for over 17 years and the second-story addition has been in the works for six of those. South Beach is located at 5059 Newport Ave., Suite 104.

- Debbie Hatch

OBMA

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Award for its work on the OB community

The OBMA Economic Restructuring Committee awards were presented by committee chairwoman Heather Clarke. Those included:

- Pizza Port was awarded again with the Positive Economic Impact Business Award:
- Community Player awards went to Masonic Center, Starbucks, Torrey Pines Management, Seth's Chop Shop and US Bank for various contributions to the Ocean Beach community. The Clean OB Committee, represented by chairman David Smedley, honored Greg Hankins for his community work.

The Crime Prevention Committee, meanwhile, recognized:

- the San Diego Police Department's Western Division:
- city of San Diego's Park and Recreation Department;
- Sunset Cliffs Surfing Association. OBMA President Mike Akey recognized Union Bank and the Ocean Beach Town Council as Outstanding Community Partners.

Special awards were presented to OBMA board members Clarke, Men-



ASSOCIATION doza and Iacometti for their exceptional leadership

OBMA members bid farewell to Clarke, manager of the Ocean Beach branch of Union Bank. Clarke had dedicated many hours outside her bank manager duties to the OBMA and the community of Ocean Beach. She was recently promoted to manage the Golden Triangle branch.

Mendoza, co-owner of Cottage Antiques, has dedicated many hours chairing the OBMA Promotion Committee. OBMA members thanked her for her efforts and commitment to innovative marketing and promotion ideas for the OB business community.

Iacometti, co-owner of Details Salon-Spa, chairs the OBMA Design Committee, along with the Ocean Beach Street Fair Committee. OBMA members recognized her for her efforts and superb leadership skills.

— Staff and contribution

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"We check their litter boxes several times a day," Maria said. "The cats quickly learn from others that if they use their box or pretend to use it they'll get extra attention."

Ragdoll regulars Lucky and Charlie enjoy popping between the two rooms

their parents reserve for them, munching on their extra nightly-baked chicken

While most cats stay only a week or two, or come when their homes are tented for termite fumigation, the Brinsons also care for longer-term guests. A family of three — Eliza, Tess and Isabelle are all rescue kitties. They are currently ensconced in a quiet corner suite for a five-month stay while their parents are

overseas on a temporary assignment. Maria arranges for "the girls" to send their parents regular e-mails reporting their activities, along with snapshots.

"We treat this as a human hotel," Maria said. "We refer to our residents as our cat guests and bird guests."

Maria said sometimes she arranges transportation for her feline guests to rejoin their parents abroad. Tom, an orange American shorthair and fre-

quent Purring Parrot resident, will soon move to Japan via Pet Movers after his parents relocate. Recently, Maria arranged transport for another client's cat to St. Kitt's in the Caribbean.

The Purring Parrot sells all of its cat and bird amenities, from plush beds, drinking fountains and toys for cats, to perches and cages, special seed mixes and brightly colored wooden bird-toy components, all safely dyed with human

food-grade coloring. The resort's website also features an online store.

For information about lodging, cat room photos and live-streamed aviary webcam video, visit www.thepurring parrot.com, or call (619) 223-2326. The Purring Parrot is located at 3015 St. Charles Street, Suite D.

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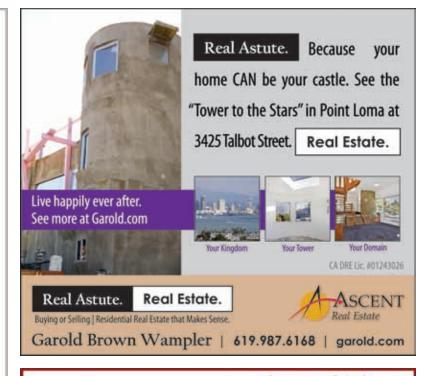
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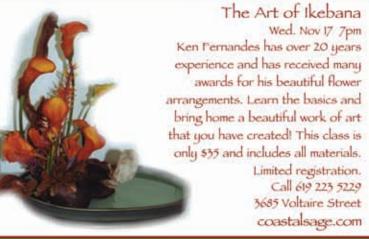
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SW Yacht Club team's consistency pays dividends

Locals claim 2010 Linda Elias Memorial Women's One-Design Challenge title

By RICK ROBERTS | Special to the Beacon

Consistency was the winning formula for Colleen Cooke and her team from Point Loma's Southwestern Yacht Club Elias Memorial Women's One-Design Challenge, sponsored by the Long Beach/Los Angeles Women's Sailing Association and hosted by Long Beach Yacht Club.

Leading by nine points after the Oct. 16 races, Cooke and her team focused not on who they had to beat the next day but on keeping mistakes to a minimum.

"I have a lot of confidence in the team." Cooke said, "and I had a lot of confidence coming to the event because of the team. We work well together but knew that even with our lead at the end of the first day we still had a long way to go."

In 2008, Cooke and her team also held the lead at the end of the first day, but lost the lead and the event by the end of the second day.

"Today [Oct, 17] we went out very early to practice," Cooke said, "keeping our focus from yesterday. The first race we got a good start away from the pin end where there was a lot going on. In the next race, we wanted to stay clean so I told my bow person to keep us from going over early. But it was the age-old problem of being too conservative and we didn't do too well [finishing eighth].

"We recognized that we couldn't do that for the third race, so we were more aggressive, winning the pin and finishing near the top [third]," she said. This is a terrific team with lots of talent and we have an excellent tactician in Kris Zill-

Members of the Newport Harbor Yacht Club were second in the regatta, while third place was claimed by Julie Mitchell and the team from Point Loma's San on Oct. 17 in winning the 2010 Linda Diego Yacht Club. Fourth place went to Team Pilikia from Orange County

The Women's One-Design event began 19 years ago and Linda Elias — the namesake for the current regatta — won the championship three of the first five years. Elias passed away in 2003 and the Long Beach/Los Angeles Women's Sailing Association rededicated the event to



Colleen Cooke (at helm) and her teammates from Southwestern Yacht Club focus on staving in their zone on their way to winning the 2010 Linda Elias Memorial Women's One-Design Challenge.



Diego Yacht Club team to the windward mark

2010 LINDA ELIAS MEMORIAL WOMEN'S ONE-DESIGN CHALLENGE — FINAL RESULTS

- 1. Colleen Cooke, Southwestern Yacht Club, 2-3-3-1-3-8-3, 23 points
- 2. Suzanne Spangler, NHYC, 4-7-1-2-6-1-7, 28
- 3. Julie Mitchell, San Diego Yacht Club, 3-4-9-3-4-3-2, 28
- 4. Barbara Duker, CYC, 5-2-2-5-5 (redress granted)-9-1, 29
- 5. Jane Hoffner Horst, BCYC, 6-1-6-6-5-7-4, 35
- 6. Karyn Jones, WSA of SMB, 9-5-4-8-2-2-5, 35
- 7. Kathy Reed, LB/LA WSA, 1-9-8-7-5 (redress granted)-4-6, 40
- 8. Alicia Minana, KHYC, 8-6-7-4-1-5-9, 40
- 9. Kelly Cantley, LAYC, 7-8-5-9-7-6-8, 50

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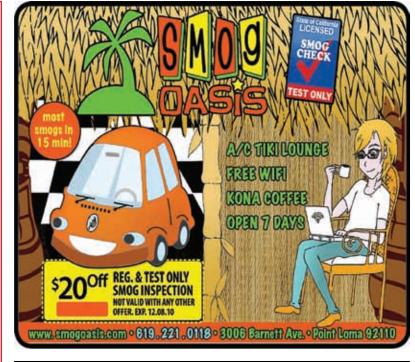
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U.S., Italy face off in Fed Cup Final at sports arena

By ANTHONY GENTILE I THE BEACON

This weekend, the premier team competition in women's tennis will crown a champion at the newly-renamed Valley View Casino Center. The United States will host Italy in the 2010 Fed Cup Final on Saturday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 7.

"I'm very excited to be in the final once again and to be at home," said Mary Joe Fernandez, U.S. team captain. "We've played a lot of our ties away and to be able to host the final for the first time in 10 years is quite a thrill."

The U.S. will contend for the Fed Cup on home turf for the first time since 2000. The final is a rematch of last year's final, which the U.S. lost 4-0 to Italy on the clay in Reggio Calabria, Italy.

"The team is ready and motivated to try and win the Fed Cup back," Fernandez said.

The Fed Cup is a best-of-five series, with one point awarded per match victory. Two three-set singles matches begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the Valley View Casino Center, with one doubles match scheduled after singles on Sunday.

'We're going to have the same core players that have been playing the entire season," Fernandez

The core group of Melanie Oudin, Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Liezel Huber has played for the U.S. team in each of the previous two rounds of the 2010 Fed Cup World Group. The U.S. advanced to the final by defeating France 4-1 in the first round

and Russia 3-2 in the semifinals.

"I'm very fortunate that the group that got me to the final this season and last season is healthy and ready to go," Fernandez said.

Playing without Women's Tennis Association world singles No. 4-ranked Serena Williams and No. 5-ranked Venus Williams because of injury, the highest-ranked singles player on the U.S. team is No. 60 Mattek-Sands. The biggest name on the team is Oudin, a 2009 U.S. Open quarterfinalist currently ranked 68th after a disappointing 2010

"Wherever you ask her to contribute, she will. That's what you look for when you're playing for your country," Fernandez said of Oudin. "She gives it her all. You know that no matter what the situation is, no matter what the score is, she's never giving up and she supports everybody else."

Huber is ranked No. 3 in world doubles, with a career that includes four grand slam doubles titles. At the 2010 U.S. Open, Huber captured the mixed doubles title and finished runner-up in doubles.

"Liezel is the veteran, the one that everybody looks up to," Fernandez said. "She really sets such a good example on and off the court."

Rounding out the team is Coco Vandeweghe. The 18-year-old Rancho Santa Fe native was the final addition to the team, which Fernandez formally announced Oct. 26.

'She is progressing so well and brings a different



Melanie Oudin will lead the United States against defending champion Italy this weekend in the 2010 Fed Cup Final. The championship for the premier team competition in women's tennis will be held Saturday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Valley View Casino Center in Point Loma.

matter of Coco taking it to the next level with consistency, getting even quicker and fitter."

The U.S. is squaring off against an Italian squad style of game. She's a strong, tall player with vari-

ety and heavy shots," Fernandez said. "Now it's a Italian team includes 2010 French Open champ Francesca Schiavone (world singles No. 7), Flavia Pennetta (No. 23), Roberta Vinci (No. 38) and Sara

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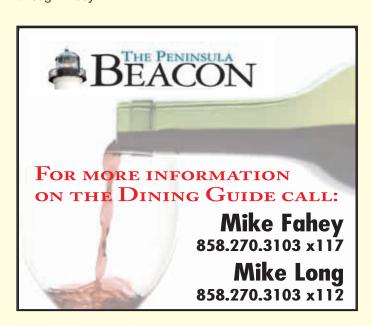
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Pointers fall to Warhawks before packed Homecoming crowd

BY SCOTT HOPKINS I THE BEACON

Point Loma High School's (PLHS) Homecoming theme this year was "Las Vegas" — and with 16 portable generators casting light on Bennie Edens Field, there was a Vegas-type glow over sold-out Pete Ross Stadium as the Pointers hosted Western League opponent Madison High.

Unfortunately for Pointer fans and alums, the Warhawks ran the house, rolling up a 33-7 halftime lead that also became the final score.

PLHS drops to 5-3 overall (2-1 in third time on a 2-yard run by Akeem Western League) while the 'Hawks soared to 7-1 (3-0 in league).

"You've got to tip your hat to Madison. They've got some good athletes and are a very good team," said head football coach Mike Hastings.

The Dogs rolled the dice in a gameopening drive that ended with Matt Magers crossing the end zone where quarterback Sean McKavenev hit him with a perfect touchdown toss. Ruben Diaz's point-after-touchdown kick gave the short end of a 33-7 score. the hosts a 7-0 lead in the game's opening minutes.

The payoff, however, quickly evaporated. In this case, it took about 20 sec-

On the Warhawks' first play from scrimmage, running back Keith Navarro darted left for 79 yards and a touchdown, tying the game 7-7.

Then, on the Pointers' first play following the Madison score, Warhawk Jeremy Hutchison placed a "Pick 6" bet, stepping in front of a McKaveney pass to return it 31 yards for another score nine seconds later. The 'Hawks were suddenly up 14-7.

Before the Pointers' lighthouse horn sounded to signal the end of the first



"I believe we were well-prepared, and we fought hard. We didn't give up and I think the

coaches will be pretty proud of us."

> IKEEM WRIGHT PLHS LINEBACKER

Woodson, as Madison took a 20-7 lead.

Continuing the onslaught, the visitors further spoiled the Homecoming mood for Pointer fans and alumni, hitting the jackpot for two more scores before halftime.

It was Woodson again, this time on an 80-yard run that left the hosts down 27-7. Then Hutchison hauled in a 34yard scoring pass from Daveon Ellis, sending the Dogs to the locker room on

During the second half, the Pointers regrouped to hold the Warhawks scoreless, but the damage had already been done. The visitors were clearly enjoying their winnings as PLHS began moving the ball better and effectively stopped the bleeding on defense.

"I believe we were well-prepared, and we fought hard," said linebacker Ikeem Wright. "We didn't give up and I think the coaches will be pretty proud of us."

Two red zone fumbles, one in each half, potentially cost the hosts 14 points.

The Pointers did manage 217 yards of offense. McKaveney completed six of 17 throws for 100 yards, including one for 41 yards. He was harassed and pursued all evening by an aggressive 'Hawks quarter, the Warhawks had scored a defense, which sacked him six times for



Tevin Heyward (14) and Eddie Frakes (34) close in on Madison's quarterback as he prepares to throw downfield during the Pointers' Homecoming game on Friday.

41 yards in total losses.

Leading rusher Jaivon Griffin averaged 4.5 yards per carry, but was limited to 76 total yards. Anthony Edwards carried nine times for 42 yards, while three other players combined for 37 yards.

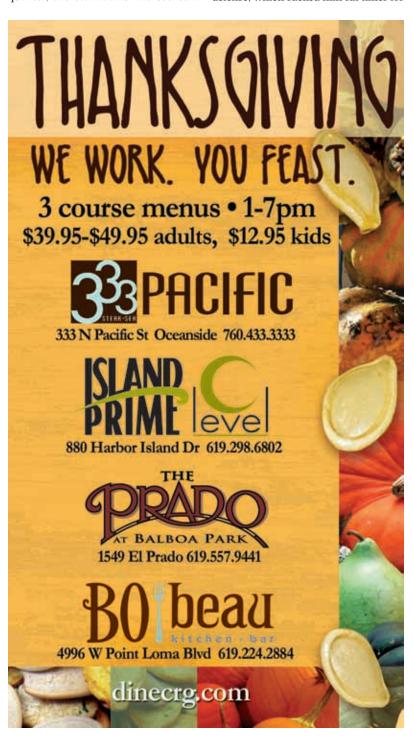
Dog defenders had their hands full trying to stop the fast, athletic Madison offense. They did, however, put the brakes on an attempted fake punt by the 'Hawks.

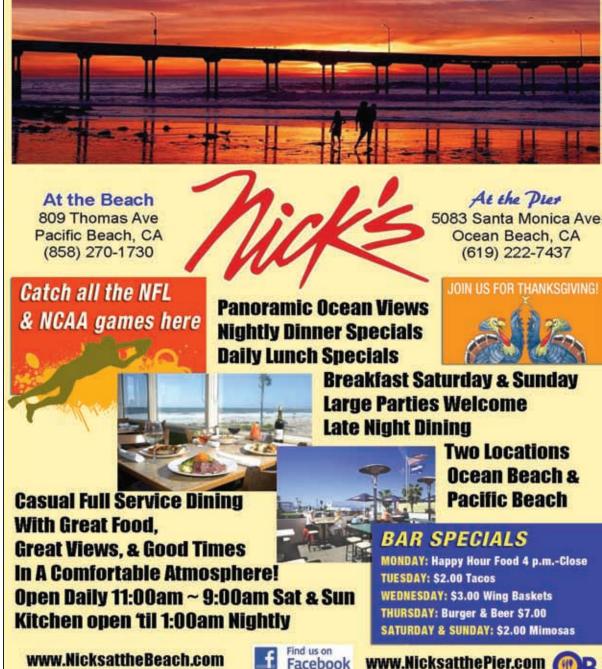
Christian Heyward had a hand in nine tackles (six tackles, three assists) and a sack to lead the Pointers. Eddie Frakes and Zach Eischen were in on seven tackles, while Edmond Tucker and Ikeem Wright each had four. Wright and Tevin Heyward each recovered a Madison fum-

"Our kids fought their butts off all night. In the end, nobody quit," Hastings said.

The Pointers close out their league schedule over the next two weeks with a visit to Serra High School for a 6:30 p.m. kickoff Nov. 5 and a 2:30 p.m. kickoff at home Nov. 12 against Hoover.

"We control what's in front of us," said Hastings. "We'll move forward because that's what good teams do, and we're still a very good team. Our kids are going to be prepared to play Serra next





SPORTS*briefs*

Convention bureau, sports commission create partnership

The San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau (ConVis) and San Diego Sports Commission (SDSC) have reportedly entered into a new strategic partnership designed to establish San Diego as a dominant player in the lucrative sports marketing field.

The announced partnership — also designed to showcase San Diego as a premier sports destination in North America — is expected to combine existing resources of ConVis and the SDSC, along with additional funding from the San Diego North Convention & Visitors Bureau, to create a single sports marketing and sales organization for the San Diego region.

According to officials involved, the partnership also provides a single point of contact for sports-related events and event rights-holders, ensuring that San Diego continues to be an attractive and competitive player in the sports marketing field.

Funding for the new partnership comes primarily from revenue generated by the San Diego Tourism Marketing District (TMD). Founded in 2008, the TMD collects a self-assessment paid by all hotels in the city of San Diego with 70 rooms or more; the revenue from this assessment is reinvested into destination sales and marketing in support of the local visitor industry.

The U.S. Travel Association reports that nearly two out of five U.S. adults (38 percent, or 75.3 million people) attended an organized sporting event, competition or tournament as either a spectator or participant in the past five years. In 2009, an estimated 2.4 million people — or 8 percent — of San Diego's annual visitors attended a sporting event in San Diego County.

SKATEBOARD WONDERS



Toby Ryan, 7, catches some air during the first-ever Skate for the Kids BBQ and Skate Jam at the Robb Field Skate Park on Oct. 23. Ryan, who has been skating for five years, has already become quite the local phenom. The event, sponsored by OB Surf & Skate, raised more than \$1,000 for Ocean Beach Elementary School to help offset budget cuts to several programs like music and art, and academic enrichment activities. The event featured professional and amateur skateboarders and skate demonstrations. For more information, visit http://tinyurl.com/skateforthekids. PHOTO BY JIM GRANT I THE BEACON

According to the new sports partners, premier sporting events like the annual Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, Pacific Life Holiday Bowl and Poinsettia Bowl not only enhance the quality of life for San Diegans, but they also drive visitor demand to economically benefit the San

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Diego region.

Baja-Ha-Ha boat race to wrap up in Cabo

More than 200 boats will wrap up their 750-mile oceanic race into Cabo San Lucas on Saturday, Nov. 6, after setting sail from Shelter Island in the 17th annual Baja-Ha-Ha Cruiser's Rally.

The race was launched locally Oct. 25. The rally, which takes in boats of all types, featured stops in Turtle Bay and Bahia Santa Maria on the way to Cabo San Lucas, bringing economic boosts to each of those areas, including its launch point in San Diego. The rally is open to all boats more than 27 feet long that are designed for open-ocean sailing.

For more information, visit www.baja-haha.com.

Run/walk to benefit PLHS cross-country programs

Peninsula residents and families will join a 5K run/walk to benefit the Point Loma High School (PLHS) cross-country teams next month.

Known as "Galadash," the event begins at 8 a.m. on Nov. 13 and is being held in conjunction with the 85th anniversary celebration of PLHS that evening at Liberty Station.

Both the 5K event and a shorter onemile version will begin and end at the school stadium on Voltaire Street. Persons with strollers are welcome, and the 60 members of the boys and girls' crosscountry teams will be on hand to lend support and encouragement.

For a minimum donation of \$10, participants will receive an event T-shirt (subject to supply). Larger donations and contributions are also encouraged, according to members of the team's

parent Booster Club.

A raffle will also be conducted.

The Booster Club is part of the school's Pointer Association, a 501(c)3 organization. For more information or to make donations, e-mail barbarashirts@cox.net.

— Scott Hopkins

Girls' soccer team dons pink for cancer awareness

The Point Loma Soccer Association's "Girls Under 12" Riptide Team has been wearing special pink uniforms sponsored by a local business to help support and increase awareness about breast cancer.

Backed by a \$500 donation, the cost of the uniforms is being sponsored by the owner of the local Point Loma-area woman-owned business SDC Tax and Business Services.

The team wore the pink uniforms for the first time on Oct. 23 during a game at Cleator Park at the northeast corner of Nimitz and Famosa boulevards in Point Loma.

Coach Jeff Taylor, a health professional and soccer league organizer, helped bring together the idea to have the "Girls Under 12" team help promote breast cancer awareness by wearing the pink uniforms. A group of mothers from the team have also been raising funds to participate in The Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure walks in San Diego this November. Each walker in the group is raising a minimum of \$2,300 in donations to participate.

Still in its first year of operation, the Point Loma Soccer Association has already made strides to teach more than soccer skills to youth players. As a non-profit organization, volunteering, training and community involvement are demonstrated by parent and community volunteers and involving the players as an important component to developing a positive focus and a winning spirit.

For more information, viswww.plsa4kix.com/.



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Errani (No. 41).

"They're both all-court players with very different styles," Fernandez said of Italy's top two. "Schiavone hits a heavy topspin, can slice, is a great athlete and has a tremendous variety. Pennetta is also an all-court player but just solid as a rock — not a lot of weaknesses."

Because of Italy's talent and experience, Fernandez considers the U.S. the underdog this weekend. The Americans lead the all-time series against Italy 9-1 and will be looking to add to their record 1.7 titles.

"It's a big challenge, but we're looking forward to it and hoping we can turn things around this time," Fernandezsaid. "I think it helps to be at home and playing on a surface that the team prefers."

Both teams arrived in San Diego earlier in the week, with the draw ceremony scheduled for noon on Friday, Nov. 5 at SeaWorld. The U.S. team held a kids clinic at Barnes Tennis Center on Wednesday.

Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com and range from \$40 to \$185 for one-day admission and \$80 to \$350 for a two-day pass. Both days of the final will be broadcast live on Tennis Channel.

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Famed former physicist to share insight at PLNU

BY DEAN NELSON | SPECIAL TO THE BEACON

John Polkinghorne remembers the day when some of his colleagues thought he had lost his mind. He was already famous as a physicist for his work in helping explain the existence of quarks and gluons — the world's smallest known particles. He was a member of England's Royal Society, one of the highest honors bestowed on a scientist - one of whom was Isaac Newton.

Polkinghorne's students at Cambridge University had likewise moved into leading roles in scientific research.

It was the end of the academic year, and he and some colleagues had gathered in his office for a meeting. At the conclusion, they gathered their papers, ready to leave.

"Before you go," Polkinghorne said, "I have something to tell you."

The tiny audience settled back into their chairs.

"I am leaving the university to enter the priesthood. I will be enrolling in seminary next year."

There was stunned silence in the room for several seconds, then murmuring some of it kindly supportive. The lone Scotsman in the audience, an atheist, was both wistful and wary: "You don't know what you're doing," he said.

Others later wondered if Polkinghorne was committing intellectual suicide.

His decision brought to light a much larger question that has been discussed for centuries, well before Darwin and Dawkins: "What is the relationship between faith and science?'

Polkinghorne left Cambridge, became a priest in the Anglican Church in the 1980s, and served the village of Blean, just up the hill from the Canterbury Cathedral. Years later, he returned to Cambridge, first as a chaplain to one of the colleges, and eventually became president of Queens College, a position he held Press of Oxford.

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After leaving the world of physics, he became known for his astute writings on how faith and science can live in harmony with one another. He has written more than 30 books on theology and science (and the relationship between the two), served on national boards to determine ethical standards for scientific research, and was knighted by the Queen for his contributions in ethics and science. He was also awarded the Templeton Prize the highest honor given in regard to the relationship between science and religion.

On Nov. 14-17, he will be on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University for a public forum and lecture series.

"He's the most respected voice out there. This is a very big deal for San Diego, for the Church of the Nazarene and for PLNU," said Dr. Darrel Falk, professor of biology at PLNU and author of "Coming to Peace with Science."

– Contributed by Dr. Dean Nelson, director of PLNU's journalism program. His latest book, "Quantum Leap: How John Polkinghorne found God in Science and Religion," written with Karl Giberson, will be released in 2011 by Lion-Hudson

For theater-starved young actors, it's all about the Shakespearience

By DEBBIE HATCH | THE BEACON

Local middle and high school students doth put a modern spin on William Shakespeare's classic "Romeo and Juli-

The play opens Friday, Nov. 5 at the Westminster Theatre, part of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Point Loma. The performances will be free and open to the public. Vanguard, the artistic out-

reach mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church, is sponsoring the play.

Snakespeare transcends groups. It transcends time periods," said Thomas Haine, the play's director.

There is no one



Katya Martin-Gullans

better to perform adolescent love than adolescents, Haine said.

Romeo will be played by Correia Middle School student Clifton McKenzie. Juliet will be played by San Diego High International's Katya Martin-Gullans.

The five-act play has been in production since September.

Haine said he volunteered to direct the play to teach the students how to "act Shakespeare" at a time when many drama programs in schools are suffering because of significant budget cuts.

"My hope was to try to supplement the drama education that they have at Point ing," Haine said.

"ROMEO AND JULIET"

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Loma High or San Diego High International." Haine said.

The students rehearse once or twice a week for the play that will have modern clothing, music and stage presence. There will even be a strobe-lighting effect and gunshots will be heard from the stage.

"It's really a fast-paced production and a modern concept," Haines said.

However, the language is still the same as the original version.

"It seems like the younger you are, the more oblivious you are to stage fright," Haines said.

Many of the students have significant stage experience and have participated in Vanguard productions before.

"They've been remarkable," Haine

Generally, Vanguard offers a fall theatre workshop. However, this year Haine wanted to turn that into a Shakespeare workshop in order to teach specific Shakespeare acting techniques.

"What's been the most fun is to watch them grow and be able to understand the poetry involved in the play and to convey that understanding through their act-

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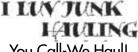
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PLNU's opera theater looks to connect with younger audience with 'Cendrillon'

BY BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

While opera often gets little attention in San Diego, its fans are no less fervent than those found at a Casbah indie-rock show.

Take, for example, the Point Loma Opera Theatre (PLOT) at Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU). Founded by students in 2009 when the university was unable to financially maintain its opera program, students mounted an operation using a combination of letter writing and concerts at venues — ranging from retirement centers to churches — to spread the word about their organization. By November 2009, enough funds had been raised to stage dual productions of Henry Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" and Giaccomo Puccini's "Gianni Schicchi."

This year, the Point Loma Opera Theatre will stage Jules Massenet's 1894 adaptation of the classic "Cinderella" story "Cendrillon" at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 18 at PLNU's Crill Performance Hall

The performance was originally planned to begin Wednesday, Nov. 10, but organizers said an unexpected death will divert most of the cast members to memorial services that same date.

The opera is performed in French with English subtitles projected.

According to PLOT President Lisa Jordan, who will perform the lead role on several of the production run dates, the reasons for this year's production choice was pragmatic.

"'Cendrillon' was the best choice overall because the roles are the best vocal fit for our singers at PLNU," Jordan said. "Our musical advisor, Dr. John Craig Johnson, also directed the same opera at another university a few years back. His expertise ensures that this is possible to produce at a smaller university."

She said audience familiarity with the storyline's original version plays a factor.

"'Cendrillon' is one that is very accessible to audiences since it is a story that most know about since an early age," she said. "Because it is a story that people are familiar with, it makes the experience of coming to an opera for the first time enjoyable and comfortable."

Though this is a small production, there are still massive amounts of work involved getting things off the ground, she added.

"All operas are extremely involved," Jordan said. "For 'Cendrillon,' we started preparing in January."

"Cendrillon" has a 29-member cast made up of students, faculty, alumni and community members.

"For auditions, we bring in an outside panel of opera experts to cast the opera for that season to ensure no casting biases," Jordan said.

"Cendrillon" casting judges included baritone Aram Barsamian and the play's director, Hannah Ryan.

"The opera requires a tremendous amount of commitment from the cast, who not only prepare for months to be able to successfully produce these fantastic works for the community, but also who must raise the necessary funds to make these programs a reality," Jordan said.

The Point Loma Opera Theatre — a member of the Point Loma Association — is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization run by eight student board members whose responsibilities include selecting the opera, stage director, artistic vision, set production, public relations and working out the production logistics. They use minimalism in staging.

"We focus more on the performers to make the show magical, not the set," Jordan said. "However,



Members of the Point Loma Opera Theatre (PLOT) will perform "Cendrillon" – the 1894 operatic adaptation of "Cinderella – on six show dates in November. Cast members include PLOT President Elisa Jordan (far left) and Cara Mae O'Doniel (far right, also serving as artistic director). The performances take place at Point Loma Nazarene University beginning Thursday, Nov. 11 – a day later than originally planned because of an unexpected death.

with the help of donations from family, friends and community members, we are able to use their support to create a fantastical production of a storybook fairytale. Everyone loves an escape. With 'Cendrillon,' people can escape into an enchanted world of fairy godmothers, evil stepmothers and magical glass slippers — all with amazing young singers."

The dedication of PLOT members is really the driving force, according to Cara Mae O'Doniel, PLOT's artistic director who also performs the role of La Fee (the Fairy Godmother).

"I feel that this production is fairly elaborate, considering that we are all amateurs," said O'Doniel. "We have several different departments focused on making sure that things like publicity, advertising, set building, costume making, marketing, art, etc., get taken care of.

"Granted, all those departments have only one or two people each, but it's the fact that there are extremely dedicated students who are controlling

this production — not [controlled by] an opera company — that makes the difference," she said. "I think that makes us very unique. We are our own entity, if you will."

O'Doniel said support and guidance from professors and from the school itself helps greatly.

Beyond staging a successful production, Jordan and the other PLOT board members hope their efforts also help connect opera to a younger crowd.

"This endeavor is created by college students," Jordan said. "Thus, we have a special desire to share our passion for opera with our fellow students. Most young people have a skewed sense of opera as this boring, long show with a fat lady wearing a horn helmet. PLOT wants to share with everyone how magical this art form really is."

"Cendrillon" takes place at Crill Performance Hall, located at 3900 Lomaland Drive. Tickets range from \$8 to \$12. For tickets and more information, visit www.pointlomaoperatheatre.com.



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Nov. 5-7, Westminster Presbyterian Church's Vanguard Youth Theatre performs William Shakespeare's classic "Romeo and Juliet," featuring students from Point Loma High School, San Diego High International, Hilltop High, Sacred Heart Academy and Horizon School. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5 and Saturday, Nov. 6; 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7. The event is a free-will offering. Performances take place at the church theater, 3598 Talbot St. For reservations, call (619) 224-6263.

Nov. 5 through 30, Sophie's Gallery NTC presents artists Linda, June, Harvey and Gayle Rubin during the 2nd annual exhibition entitled "The Rubins." An opening reception takes place Friday, Nov. 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. with live music and refreshments, as guests meet with the artists – a family united through their artistic expressions



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Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library hosts the Fabulous Earrings in concert. The vocal trio specializes in tight harmonies, performing songs by the Boswell Sisters, Andrew Sisters, McGuire Sisters and others featuring Broadway, a cappella, big band and holiday music. The free event takes place at the library, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 531-1539.

Nov. 11 through Nov. 18, the Point Loma Opera Theatre of Point Loma Nazarene University will stage Jules Massenet's 1894 adaptation of the classic "Cinderella" story "Cendrillon" at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 18 at PLNU's Crill Performance Hall, 3900 Lomaland Drive. The opera is performed in French with English subtitles projected. Tickets range from \$8 to \$12. For tickets and more information, visit www.pointlomaoperatheatre.com.

Saturday, Nov. 20, Salomon Theatre of Point Loma Nazarene University presents Shakespeare's timeless comedy "Much Ado About Nothing." The performance runs Tuesday through Saturday (Oct. 26-30) at 7 p.m., with two additional shows on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 1:30 and 7 p.m. The show takes place at Salomon Theatre, 3900 Lomaland Drive. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors, students and military. For tickets or information, e-mail



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Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 26 through Dec. 12, the Point Loma Actor's Theatre presents "Steel Magnolias," written by Robert Harling and directed by David Sein. Curtain times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 7 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$16 for general admission; \$14 for military, seniors and students. The performances take place at the theater, 3035 Talbot St. For more information or tickets, call the box office (619)225-0044. www.pointlomaactors.com.

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Today, Nov. 4, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Liberty Station hosts a Naval Training Center Historic District Walking Tour themed "From Navy Base to Arts District." The event allows for first-hand views of the transformation of San Diego's former Naval Training Center into the current NTC Promenade - better known as the Liberty Station Arts and Cultural District. The 90-minute tour takes in historic Spanish Colonial Revival buildings from the 1920s and 1940s in which young men were once trained for Navy service and are now home to more than 40 artists, galleries, dance companies and other related venues. Participants are asked to meet at the NTC Command Center, 2640 His-

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Friday, Nov. 5 and Saturday, Nov. 6, the American Cancer Society Point Loma Discovery Shop will be transformed into a Christmas wonderland during its "Holiday Boutique" event. The store will offer a large variety of Christmas items at bargain prices. Store hours for the sale are Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The store is located at 3609 Midway Drive. For more information, call (619) 224-4336.

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m., regular meeting of the Point Loma Garden Club. The theme of the meeting will be "Holiday Decorating When You Don't Have Time to Decorate," featuring speaker Barbara Clark. Clark is an instructor for San Diego Floral. The meeting takes place at the United Portuguese S.E.S. Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. For more information, visit www.plac.ora.

Friday, Nov. 12, 8:30 a.m., Loma Portal Ele-

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Friday, Nov. 12, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Jane llene Cohen, intuitive and transformational counselor, teacher and author, will share the personal journey that brought her to a totally positive new thought system, based on the principle "Life is Meant to Work." Cohen will talk about some of the underlying basics of this thought system. The free event takes place at the Ocean Beach People's Co-op community room, 4765 Voltaire St. The talk is limited to 18 people. To RSVP, call (760) 753-0733, or e-mail www.JaneCohen.net.

Saturday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m. to noon, Friends of Famosa Slough will host a work party to care for native plants and remove invasive species at the slough. Participants are urged to wear work clothes and to bring work gloves, gardening or weeding tools or clippers if they have them. Workers will meet at the corner of West Point Loma and Famosa boulevards. For more information, call (619) 224-4591, or visit www.famosaslough.org.

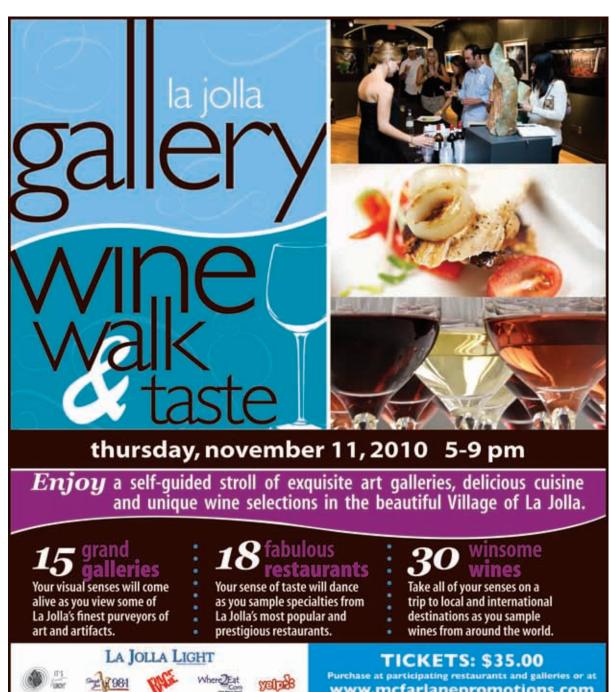
Sunday, Nov. 14, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Point Loma Nazarene University hosts author and former physicist John Polkinghorne as part of the university's Wiley Lecture Series. Polkinghorne is credited for his work in helping to explain the existence of quarks and gluons, the world's smallest known particles. He is also a recipient of the Templeton Prize, the highest honor given in regard to the relationship between science and religion. Tickets are \$10 for the general public. The event takes place at the Crill Performance Hall of PLNU's Cooper Music Building, 3900 Lomaland Drive. For more information, visit www.pointloma.edu/wileylectures.

Thursday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., the Ocean Beach Historical Society presents "Save Our Heritage -Over Four Decades of Historic Preservation in San Diego County." The free event includes a documentary film about SOHO's pivotal role in saving architectural icons and the importance of future historic preservation. The meeting takes place at Point Loma Methodist Church, 1994 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. information, more www.obhistory.wordpress.com.

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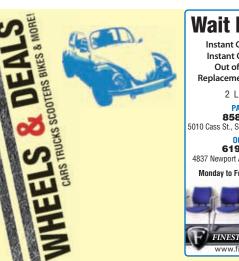
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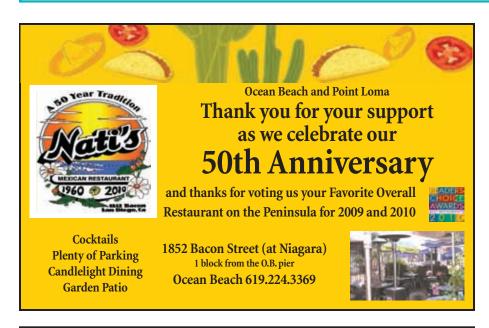


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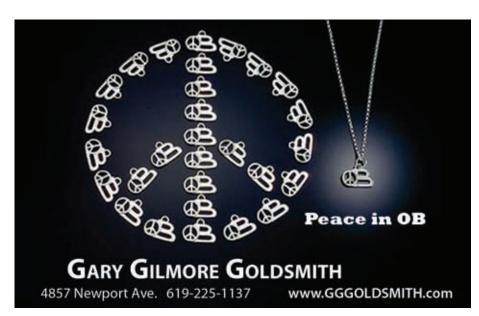
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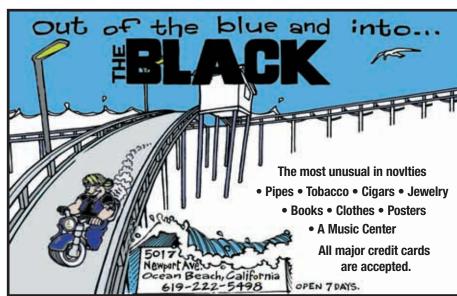
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