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Travelers in and out of Lindbergh Field will begin to see major changes in the concessions offerings at San Diego International Airport beginning in 2013. Airport officials hope their redevelopment plan will better reflect the spirit and flavor of San Diego.

Lindbergh Field concessions set for major retooling

By MANNY LOPEZ | THE BEACON

Concessions at Lindbergh Field are set to undergo a major overhaul as part of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority's redevelopment plan to an experience that better reflects the spirit and flavor of the San Diego region.

Airport planners say the existing concessions area will be doubled and that the variety of food, beverage and retail offerings will include more local and small businesses, as well as large and familiar brands that travelers are comfortable with.

in a new city, they're eager to see stores, shops and restaurants that reflect the new area they've just entered," said airport spokesman Steve Shultz. "Our goal is to have the best of local, regional and increase retail space and offer travelers national retailers in the airport environ-

> The Airport Authority has decided to take a new direction with concessions as the contract with current master concessionaire HMS Host expires in November 2012 and there are no further opportunities to extend that lease. HMS Host, headquartered in Bethesda, Md., operates in 111 airports around the

"We think that when passengers land world and has held the prime contract to operate concessions at Lindbergh Field since 1965.

> The new concession program coincides with a \$1 billion construction project currently under way that will double the size of Terminal 2. The project, known as "The Green Build" is scheduled to be completed and open for busi-

> According to Shultz, the plan calls for the redevelopment of all concessions in Terminals 2 East and West, Terminal 1 and the Commuter Terminal.

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NOOSE TIGHTENS FOR DISPENSARIES

Are OB's medical pot shops going up in smoke?

By TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

Medical marijuana may soon be regulated out of existence in Ocean Beach.

A proposed ordinance that would effectively ban such providers here is expected to come before the San Diego City Council later this month — and it may be the last time to sound off as a community on both sides of the issue.

The Ocean Beach Planning Board has scheduled a forum to gather public comment and take a formal position March 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center. 4726 Santa Monica Ave.

Time could be running out for the handful of storefronts that dispense medical marijuana in Ocean Beach because there's no available zoning in OB fitting the new recommendations before the San Diego City Council. The council in September finalized a list of these recommendations to the city attorney for a formal ordinance. These included restricting dispensaries through zoning and requiring a 1,000-foot buffer around churches, schools, parks and other areas (proposed rule changes on Page 4).

The council's recommendations went beyond those adopted by a special Medical Marijuana Task Force, which reported to the council last year. The 11-member task force had recommended permitting dispensaries in more commercial zones and



that allowed residential uses. The task force also would have allowed dispensaries to be closer together (500 feet) and allowed an easier avenue to obtain a conditional-use permit.

Except for a tiny sliver of commercial office zoning on Niagara Avenue, all commercial zones in Ocean Beach — like the Newport Avenue and Voltaire Street corridors are zoned commercial community, which would have permitted dispensaries under the task force's recommendations. But since the types of commercial zoning in Ocean Beach also allow residential use, dispensaries would effectively be banned under the City Council's proposed rule changes.

The OB Planning Board has previously voted in support of the task force's work, but the latest changes and the upcoming City Council vote make it the right time to revisit the

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Cameras lead to arrest in window vandalisms

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | THE BEACON

Police investigators used surveillance technology to arrest 20-year-old Jonathan Gurr on March 2 and charge him with felony vandalism for damaging more than 90 storefront windows in Ocean Beach and a handful of others in Pacific Beach earlier this year.

Hydroponics on Newport Avenue — helped catch at least one member of the group that caused more than \$100,000 worth of damage, according to police.

Investigators took Gurr into custody at his Pacific Beach residence, according to San Diego police Lt. Andra Brown. All three of the suspected vandals have been identified through the surveillance tapes but at least one

appears to be long gone, she said.

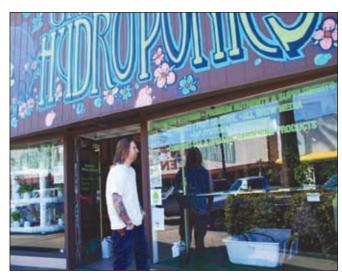
"One of them already fled the state," Brown said, "so [Gurr is also] a flight risk."

Gurr is being held on about \$100,000 bail, according to records from the San Diego County Sheriff's Depart-

Word of the arrest brought only a little relief to one Security cameras — particularly those of Green Lady business owner who had 22 of his storefront windows permanently scarred.

"I just hope there's some restitution and we get some money from them," said Craig Gerwig, owner of Newport Avenue Antique Center. "Thank God OB has cameras, because they're caught."

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Surveillance cameras at Green Lady Hydroponics on Newport Avenue are being credited with helping police identify and arrest one of three window vandals thought to be responsible for the etching damage to more than 90 storefront windows in Ocean Beach and Pacific Beach earlier this year. Travis Durkey, shown here, is the owner of Green Lady Hydroponics. JIM GRANT I THE BEACON



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Man who murdered PLHS football player to learn his sentencing fate

By NEAL PUTNAM AND SCOTT HOPKINS

THE BEACON

The convicted killer of a Point Loma High School (PLHS) football player in 2008 is expected to be sentenced Friday to 50 years to life in prison.

It's no plea bargain for Frederick Garcia Cruz, 22, who made a surprise guilty plea last month to two counts of firstdegree murder in the shooting deaths of Michael Taylor, 15, and Monique Palmer, 17, who were killed as they were walking home from a party in Valencia

to speak Friday before San Diego Superior Court Judge David Danielsen sentences Cruz, who will get 25 years to life consecutively for each murder. The victims were killed Dec. 6, 2008 around

Deputy District Attorney Mike Still said Cruz "must do a full 50 years sentence" before he could become eligible for parole — when Cruz turns 72.

The Pointer football family will be glad to see Michael Taylor's murderer sentenced and put away ...," said PLHS head football coach Mike Hastings. "Michael's memory lives on in all of our players' and coaches' minds and hearts."

Edmond Tucker, a junior at PLHS and a former teammate of Michael Taylor. said, "It's good they caught the person. He pleaded guilty because he knew what he did was wrong."

"I just want to let him know that he has what's coming to him," Tucker continued. "He's in jail now, and he probapossibility of parole.

Families of the victims are expected bly regrets what he did. But he can't take it back, so he's got to face the consequences.'

Tucker, who said he has known Taylor since he was six years old, added he has visited the victim's mother.

"His mom, for the loss that she's had, she's real strong," Tucker said. "I always touch base and show my face around there just to show them that part of Michael is still here with the football team."

Tucker said news of Michael's murder shocked him and "I didn't really believe it until I didn't see Michael around at school. I had to personally go to his mom to talk about it. It was a hard loss for me because he was my age, and all that kept running through my head was, 'It could have been me."

The only charges that were dismissed against Cruz were gang allegations and a special-circumstance allegation of multiple murders which would have sent Cruz to prison for life without the

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OB's annual kite festival draws hundreds for high-flying fun

BY BIANCA KOCH | THE BEACON

The Ocean Beach Kite Festival and Parade, an annual family tradition hosted by the local Kiwanis Club, the OB Recreation Center and Ocean Beach Elementary School, attracted more than 1,200 visitors Saturday.

Now in its 63rd consecutive year, the event is the oldest-running children's kite festival in the U.S., according to Jim Kelly, a member of the Ocean Beach Kiwanis Club and former club president.

"Kiwanians proudly make an effort. Everybody donates time and materials," said Kelly, as he served up free hot dogs to the young participants. "We like to give joy to the community and always welcome new members."

About 25 arts and crafts vendors offered a variety of goods and attractions during the festival, including the attention-grabbing "Frog-Hopper" ride.

Inside the schoolyard, ideas for kite designs ranged from modern themes like OB Dance Team, OB Red Rocks, Ninja and SuperMario Castle to the more traditional rainbow or seasonal offerings.

The latter was the case for 7-yearold Sierra, who joined in the fun with her mother, Jennifer. Although the pair lives in Ocean Beach, they missed last year's event.

Sierra had her reasons for choosing a spring-themed kite design.

"I love spring," Sierra said. "The trees get leafy, the flowers bloom pretty and lots of butterflies come out and drink the flowers' nectar."

The festival, however, also generated interest from outside Ocean Beach. Some participants noticed the event's posting on www.OceanBeachSanDiego .com and made the trek to OB from places like Pasadena, Oceanside and Imperial Beach.

"It looked like a cool thing to do on a Saturday," said one visitor.

One of the busiest and most-frequented workers at the event was Claudia Jack. a Kiwanis volunteer and spokeswoman for the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association, who served as the festival's "kite doctor" for the 17th straight year. Jack's "kite hospital" was visited by children and adults, who sought her out for emergency kite-fixing magic.

"Some [children] referred to me as the 'kite nurse,'" laughed Jack. "Today I fixed over 100 hurt kites — mainly torn strings, ripped paper, stripped edges, things like that.'

The imaginative range of kite designs posed some difficult decisions for the judges, who rendered several ties on the winning kites.

About 30 volunteers from the Ocean Beach Kiwanis Club's two youth service organizations — the Key Club, representing high schoolers; and Circle K, representing college-age students — helped the children assemble the kites and served on the judging panel.

Lyric and John McCarthy, two of the 10 judges, said they enjoyed the 500plus kites entered in the contest.

For more information about the festival, call event chairwoman Melanie Nickel at (619) 225-8705 or Ocean Beach Kiwanis Club President Randy Windsor at (619) 823-0477.



Kite builders young and old participated in the 63rd annual Ocean Beach Kite Festival and Parade Saturday - an annual tradition sponsored by the OB Kiwanis Club, the recreation center and Ocean Beach Elementary School.

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The Kiwanis Club meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6 p.m. at Nati's Mexican Restaurant, located at the corner of Bacon Street and Niagara Avenue.

KITE-DESIGN WINNERS

This year's judging was split into three categories for each group between age three up to eighth grade. Here is a snapshot of the

2ND GRADE

- · Best theme: Christian Bucsit
- Best decorated: Allegra Bark
- Most creative: Ava Bukowski

6th GRADE

- Best theme: Spencer Olsen
- Best decorated: Grace Rexroad/ Mark Ordonez (tie)
- Most creative: Makaela Hashagen

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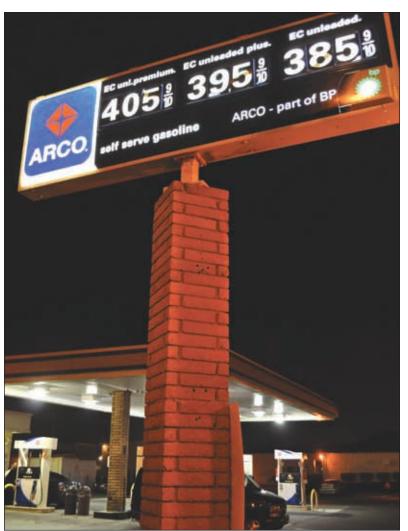
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GETTING HOSED AT THE PUMP

Local motorists continue to feel the ripple effects of unrest in Libya and elsewhere in the Middle East as they fill up at the gas pumps in Ocean Beach and Point Loma. California's gas prices are the highest in the nation on average at \$3.90 a gallon, according to the Automobile Club of Southern California. But the marquee outside the Union 76 station at the corner of Nimitz Boulevard and Rosecrans Street in Point Loma (above) Monday was even more ominous, posting \$4.49 a gallon for regular unleaded gasoline. Premium gas here is even more painful at \$4.69. For comparison, the Arco station at Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Newport Avenue (left) - which typically has some of the lowest prices in San Diego - was slightly lower than the state average on Monday at \$3.85 a gallon for regular unleaded. Another Union PHOTOS BY MIKE McCARTHY I THE REACON 76 station at Sunset Cliffs and West Point Loma Boulevard matched Arco's price on Monday.

n't been much discussion." said

Therkalsen, who said he hasn't made up

Ocean Beach and throughout the city.

tion," Connolly said. "We don't want

them operating next to daycares and

Board member Seth Connolly said he

"We definitely support some regula-

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issue, said planning board member Scott worries dispensaries may disappear in Therkalsen, who requested the public forum on March 16.

"They (the City Council) made some pretty important changes and there has-

playgrounds, libraries, child-care facilities, youth

- Dispensaries would only be allowed in the folto certain industrial zones.
- A Process 4 conditional-use permit would be required (requires approval by the San Diego

parks, but we don't want them [the rules] so stringent that there's no possibility of them [dispensaries] operating within Ocean Beach."

"We should leave the door open for some of these facilities to exist in Ocean Beach. The current proposed regulations ... would make it a lot tougher for people who need their services." he said.

Planning Commission and allows appeals to the City Council).

- Proof of nonprofit status would be required.
- · Hours of operation would be limited to between 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week.
- · No grandfathering, meaning existing dispensaries would have to comply with the new
 - Source: San Diego City Council meeting minutes of Sept. 13.

CHANGING THE RULES

Here are some of the items expected to be included in an ordinance to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries that will be considered March 28 by the San Diego City Council. The Ocean Beach Planning Board has scheduled a public forum March 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center, 4726 Santa Monica Ave. to gather public comment.

· No dispensaries would be allowed within 1,000 feet of places of worship, parks, schools,

facilities and other dispensaries.

- lowing three commercial zones: commercial regional, commercial office and commercial community - and only if no residential uses are permitted (all commercial zones in Ocean Beach allow residential). This would also apply

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Hurl earns distinction as school counselor of year

March 3 as family, friends and the school's staff gathered during the District, including two years as a generhonor her with the 2010-11 Counselor of the Year award.

Committee at San Diego State University annually recognizes a high school counselor in San Diego city and county schools who has "gone above and beyond the call of duty" for their students in attaining higher education.

As the head counselor at Point Loma High for the last 20 years, Hurl has

Point Loma High School's Laurie decided to retire at the end of the school Hurl received a surprise recognition year. She will soon have a total of 33 years with San Diego Unified School school's monthly staff meeting to al in-school counselor with Point Loma

Hurl has a son, Tyler, who is follow-The Jonasson Endowment Award ing in her footsteps. Tyler recently received his teachers credential and is an assistant basketball coach at the school. Hurl also has two daughters who teach at PLHS. Kellie Larsen directs the AVID program and Robin Bergen teaches in the school's specialeducation program.

— Mike McCarthy



Point Loma High School head counselor Laurie Hurl was recently honored as Counselor of the Year in San Diego county and city schools by the Jonasson Endowment Award Committee at San Diego State University. She is shown here accepting the award from Matthew Herbert, supervisor for prospective student services at San Diego State University.

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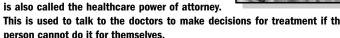
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IN THE ANNALS OF BASEBALL, DON LARSEN'S STAR STILL SHINES BRIGHTLY

Don Larsen, who pitched a perfect game for the New York Yankees during the 1956 World Series, visited with members of the Point Loma High School baseball team last week. Larsen, a 1947 Pointer alum, was in town for a team fundraiser held Saturday night. He told current Pointers players to never stop practicing if they want to succeed and strongly urged them to avoid drugs. Now 81 years old and living in Idaho, Larsen recalled that he loved to run and enjoyed spring-training workouts. Larsen signed his first contract for \$500, and his highestpaid year was \$20,000. He played for seven teams over 15 seasons. "And," Larsen told the PLHS players, "I think about it (the perfect game)

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Several local merchants have said they cannot afford the cost to replace their damaged windows and will likely have to keep the marred glass in place until such time as they can be relaced.

The Ocean Beach MainStreet Association has also been pushing for more cameras around the community in recent months.

According to police, Gurr and the others used different monikers and are also responsible for damaging several businesses along the 900 block of Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach and neighboring communities.

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Craig Gerwig, a co-owner of Newport Antique Center, observes the damage to the storefront window caused by a trio of vandals - one of whom is now in custody. PHOTO BY IIM GRANT I THE REACON

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Shultz said the new concession development program will follow a more decentralized or "hybrid" management approach of direct leasing with multiple prime concessionaires and multiple small businesses - instead of one large primary concessionaire like HMS Host calling all of the shots.

Using this updated strategy, airport officials hope to optimize non-aviation revenues, ensure diversity, encourage competition and maximize concessions, which in 2009 generated \$67 million in gross sales.

Other cities throughout the country like Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles are currently updating their concessions programs also.

The Airport Authority is inviting proposals from businesses with a proven track record in food and beverage operations, retail establishments and services in airports, transportation centers and malls.

A request for proposals (RFP) was released in early February and vendors may compete for concessions now. Responses are due by May 2. A committee will review all hids and make recommendations to Airport Authority executives, who will then make further recommendations to the board.

A projected date of June 2012 has been set for the construction phase to

A networking event and airport tour was held on Feb. 16 at Liberty Station for businesses interested in submitting bids. Large national companies that may serve as principal contractors, smaller local companies offering all types of goods and services as well as architectural and engineering firms attended the

Founded in 1928, San Diego International Airport (SDIA), which features 41



Sergeo Yepes of Ensenada, Mexico, said he is happy to have any concessions at the airport. Major changes are in store for travelers to and from Lindbergh Field. PHOTO BY JIM GRANT I THE BEACON

gates in terminals 1 and 2 and four gates in the Commuter Terminal, is the busiest single-runway commercial service airport in the United States and is the only major airport serving the region.

About 4,900 workers are employed at the airport, which served 16.9 million passengers last year and contributed an estimated \$9.9 billion to the region's economy

Passengers interviewed recently gave their own takes on what they would like to see offered at the airport.

While waiting to enter SDIA for a departing flight, Phillip Reiss of Montclair, N.J. said he always looks forward to traveling to San Diego for the Mexican

"I wish I could get my hands on some right now," Reiss said. "Or at least something that I can take to eat on my flight back home."

Norma Goldstein of New York, N.Y.

said she mistakenly packed her diabetes medication in her luggage and would have to go without it for at least seven hours until her flight landed.

"People are traveling sick or they're on vacation and can't get to their medications," Goldstein said. "It would be a good idea if people could find a drug store in the airport where they can have their prescriptions called in."

Michelle Brown of Tampa, Fla. said she was inspired by the fresh produce readily available from local farms in North County.

"Finding good healthy meal choices in an airport can be tough," said Brown. "As a vegetarian, it's even harder. I would applaud a restaurant that incorporates the farm-to-plate concept in an airport like San Diego's."

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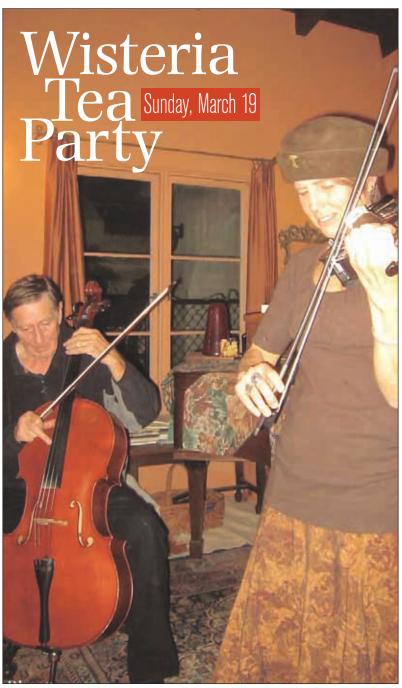
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Cellist Mark Sander and violinist Alicia Previn will perform during the Ocean Beach Historical Society's annual Wisteria Tea Party at noon on March 19.

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Historical Society to host annual wisteria tea party

The Ocean Beach Historical Society will host its annual Wisteria Tea Party gala at noon on Saturday, March 19 at the home of Ned Titlow, 4761 Niagara

The tea party is held at Titlow's early 1900s home, under the largest Wisteria canopy in Ocean Beach, where guests will be treated to delectables and listen to live music by featured violinist Alicia Previn, Mark Saverino and cellist Mark Sander.

The suggested donation is \$8 for members and \$10 or \$15 for nonmembers, which includes a member-

For more information and updates, visit www.obhistory.wordpress.com.

OBTC to hear pitch for 'clean elections' measure

Members of Neighborhoods for Clean Elections plan to make a presentation to the Ocean Beach Town Council on Wednesday. March 23 to stir support for a 2012 city ballot proposal called the San Diego Clean Elections

Supporters said the initiative would help City Hall be more accountable to voters instead of donors, and facilitate the election of the best candidates not just those with money.

The presentation is set to include a DVD explaining the "Clean Elections" concept more clearly.

The Town Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Center, located at 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

For more information about "Clean Elections," call (619) 299-8870, or visit www.sdcleanelections.org.

Silver Gate PE teacher earns statewide honor

Geoff McCloud of Silver Gate Elementary School has been named California Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

McCloud, who will be retiring this year, will be honored at the association's upcoming conference.

"It was an honor and a privilege to watch him in action," said Ruth Silofau, a former winner who is involved in the selection. "To be teaching for as long as he has and to still have that type of enthusiasm and energy is a tribute to who he is as a person and as a teacher."

McCloud said he was honored to receive the award as recognition of his success with students.

"My mission statement is simple: 'Silver Gate physical education ... building better citizens through meaningful movement," he said. "Making movement fun at the elementary level increases the chances of having active humansthroughout their lives. I really do have the best job in the whole world.'

For more information on McCloud and Silver Gate Elementary, contact Principal Sandra McClure at (619) 222-1139.

Undy 5000 5K returns to fight colon cancer

The second annual San Diego Undy 5000 5K run returns to Mission Bay/De Anza Cove on Saturday, March 19, 2011 to help bring greater awareness to colon cancer, the second leading cause of cancer death in the United

The event begins at 8 a.m. The Colon Cancer Alliance (CCA), a

national patient advocacy organization dedicated to ending the suffering caused by colon cancer, will host the event. The goal of the event is to educate the public about colon cancer, promote screenings and to get people talking about the deadly, but preventable, disease.

This event also raises much needed funds to support and build the CCA's national and local patient support and public awareness programs.

The 5k run takes place at 2750 North Mission Bay Drive. For more information, visit www.undy5000.org.

Cabrillo Civic Club takes home honors

Members of San Diego Cabrillo Civic Club No. 16 recently captured multiple honors during the 76th annual Session of the State Council Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California, Inc. The San Diego club placed in the categories of: all sports for cancer, Americanization; civic affairs; publicity, scholarship and the coveted All-Around Club award.

Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California is a non-profit organization dedicated to Joao Rodrigues Cabrilho, the Portuguese navigator who discovered California. Members of the organization are dedicated to its principles of Americanization, civic affairs, membership and scholarship, while promoting their Portuguese heritage.

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PLHS teams power into CIF playoffs before elimination

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Three Point Loma High School (PLHS) winter sports teams earned CIF playoff berths this month -- and each had similar experiences during their post-season runs.

Boys' basketball, girls' soccer and girls' water polo teams each defeated their first opponents in dramatic Division II action, and each team's hopes were scuttled by an eventual final-round team or CIF champion.

Boys' hoops tops Norsemen

There wasn't much reason for optimism several minutes into the Pointer boys' first-round CIF battle at Valhalla on Feb. 23. The Norsemen jumped out to a 10-0 lead and the Pointers appeared confused and overmatched. The contingent of Pointer fans were seen squirming in their seats.

But the scrappy Dogs regrouped and fought back, cutting the deficit to a single point as the hosts clung to a 20-19 halftime lead.

During the third quarter, the Pointers grabbed their first lead of the game at 29-27 and never looked back. Weathering a late Valhalla surge, the Pointers celebrated a 50-46 victory.

Kohl Meyer paced the Pointers with 14 points, including all four free-throw attempts. Nate George added 10 points as PLHS shot an excellent 49 percent from the floor.

Christian Heyward's six rebounds and Cody Harvey's five led the Pointers, while Meyer and Marquis Clifford recorded



Point Loma's Monica Longworth (10) gains control of the ball during her team's 8-3 CIF playoff loss to eventual champion Valhalla. Longworth's 51 goals were second highest on the team.

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four steals each.

With the victory, the Pointers moved to 14-11 on the season (7-5 overall and third place in the Central League).

The PLHS win ended the Norsemen's season with a 14-13 record after Valhalla finished fourth in the Grossmont Hills League (5-5).

In the quarterfinals, the Pointers traveled east on Feb. 26 to face Hoover, a team that boasted a 26-6 overall record and was fresh from an undefeated Eastern League season at 10-0.

The Cardinals rolled up big numbers this season behind Angelo Chol, a 6-foot-9-inch standout player ranked as the 35th best player in the U.S. by the MaxPreps online website.

Chol's numbers are impressive — 23.4 points, 14.8 rebounds and 8.1 blocked shots per game. Clearly, the Pointers faced a challenge in stopping the University of Arizona-bound giant.

The Pointers had some success, holding Chol to 18 points and six blocked shots, although the 210-pounder racked up 23 rebounds.

The Pointers were overwhelmed by the fast-break offense and overall athleticism of a Cardinal team that delivered a lopsided 68-27 loss to the Pointers, ending the PLHS season with a respectable 14-12 record.

Harvey and Heyward, both seniors, closed out their prep careers with 10 points each. George, Clifford, Ryan Gardocki and Zach Wood also are graduating.

The Cardinals would move on to the CIF finals for the second straight season.

Girls' water polo ends strong

The Pointer girls earned two unique honors — they were granted a first-round bye in the Division II CIF water polo playoffs after their 16-13 season record earned them a No. 4 seed.

And, theirs was the only PLHS winter team to reach the CIF semifinals.

The Lady Pointers dispatched West Hills 5-2 in a quarterfinal match as season top-scorer Arianna Conger netted four goals and teammate Lexie Bohlman added another.

Next up was a hot Valhalla team, arriving in the semifinals with a 24-6 record and hungry for a first-ever CIF title by any East County girls' water polo team.

The match, played Feb. 22 at La Jolla High School's Coggan pool complex, saw the Pointers fall behind 4-1 at halftime as the Norsemen ladies showed off their ball-movement skills and ability to find open shooters.

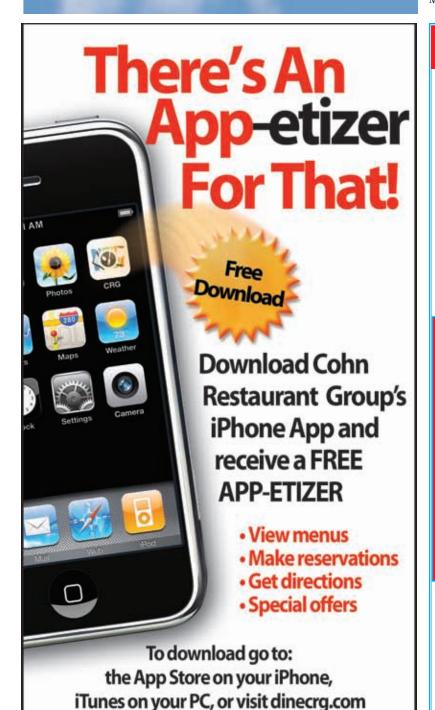
PLHS goalkeeper Samantha Pugh made brilliant saves on some laser-like Valhalla shots, but was too often left oneon-one against opposing shooters.

Lexie Bohlman and Carolina Saboya found the net for the Pointers. Later, with the game out of reach in the waning minutes, Pugh was allowed to play in an attacking position and scored the final goal of the season for her team.

Valhalla went on to win the CIF Division II title with a 7-6 win over Mt. Carmel.

In the net, Pugh recorded a 4.7 goals-against average for the season, stopping 267 shots.

Top scorers for the Lady Pointers this season were Conger (62 goals, 19 assists), Longworth (51 goals, 16 assists), Bohlman (36 goals, 13 assists), Saboya (18 goals, 21 assists) and Cristina Colloca (25 goals, nine assists).



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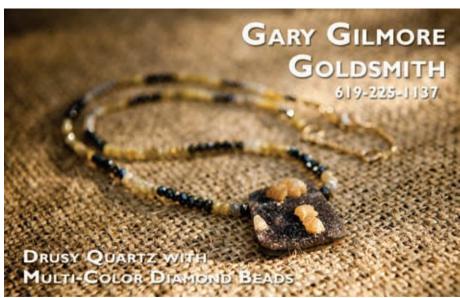
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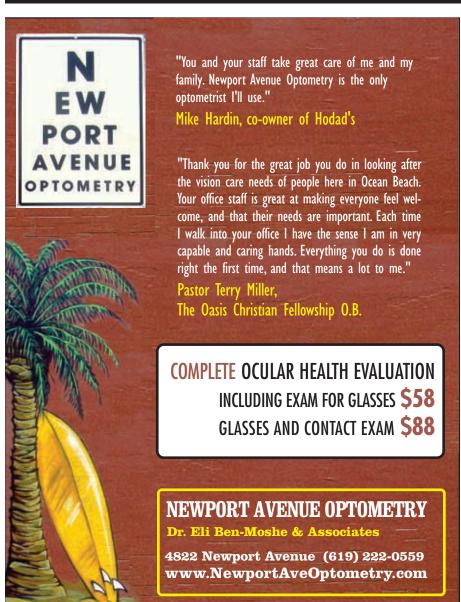
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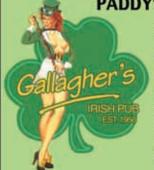




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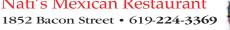
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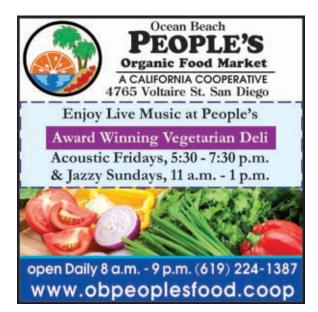
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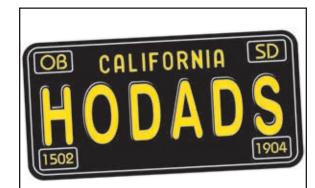
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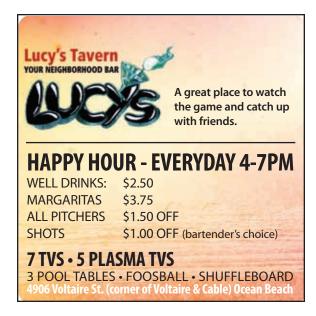
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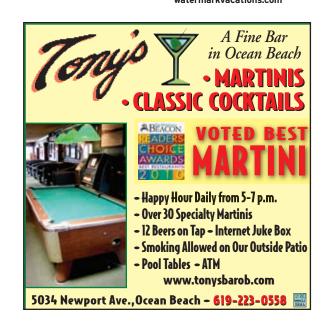
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Girls win soccer shootout

After 95 minutes of competition, the PLHS girls' soccer team and first-round opponent San Marcos were deadlocked in a scoreless tie.

Through two 40-minute halves and a 15-minute sudden-death overtime, junior goalkeeper Lily Edwards already with 11 shutouts this season had kept her side in the game with six saves. But she was just getting warmed

Playing Feb. 23 on her home field, under typical sea breezes, dark clouds and falling temperatures, Edwards proved just what the Pointers needed as penalty kicks were needed to decide which team would advance to the CIF Division II quarterfinals.

In the first three rounds of a fiveround exchange of short-range kicks, the Pointers went up 2-0 on goals by Marie Laube and Jewell Roth while Edwards, reacting with lightning speed, stopped both San Marcos shooters.

But when a San Marcos shooter finally beat Edwards in the fourth round, tensions rose as Pointer sophomore Caelle McKaveney stepped up for a potential game-winner.

McKaveney, a defender, sized up the situation, looked to her right, then calmly drilled the ball into the open left side of the net as the San Marcos goalkeeper dove in the wrong direction.

While McKaveney was swarmed by her teammates, a dejected San Marcos side walked off the field, its season ended with a 10-6-5 overall record following a first-place finish (6-0-4) in the Avocado East League.

The Pointer victory sent the team to the CIF quarterfinals at La Costa Canyon. The team's quest for a CIF title (after winning its first-ever Eastern League championship) ended Feb. 26 when the Lady Pointers came up short in a 2-0 loss to the Mavericks.

The team played without captain Carly Holly, ineligible after being assessed a red card and ejected from the San Marcos match.

Maverick goalkeeper Emily Jones only had to make one save against the Pointers, who were credited with eight shots. The Mavericks made 17 shots, with

Point Loma's Kohl Meyer (3) battles past Hoover's Christopher Jones (15) during the Pointers' season-ending CIF playoff loss to the eventual finalist Cardinals. PHOTO BY SCOTT HOPKINS I THE BEACON

Edwards making eight saves.

The Mavericks, after defeating Hilltop in the semifinals, were scheduled to play in the CIF finals March 5 against West-

Going into the quarterfinals, the Lady Pointers were riding an 11-game unbeaten streak and appeared to have the momentum needed to match the 2009 team that won a CIF title in a shootout with then-freshman Edwards in goal.

Top scorers for the season were

Megan O'Beirne (seven goals, three assists), Holly (seven goals, one assist) and Veronica Perez (three goals, six assists).

Edwards ended with a .743 goalsagainst average, 12 shutouts and 111 saves.

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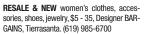
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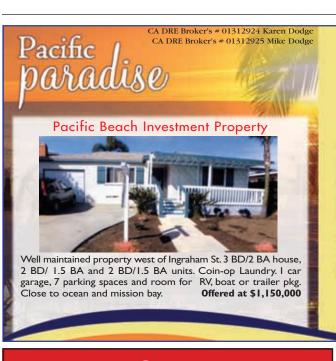
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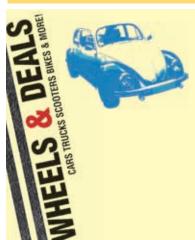
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Each program is 3 weeks long, running from July 11-29, and includes all supplies, daily snacks, and an original tee shirt. The fee for each program is \$400. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information call 691-804-6648 or visit our website: PLARTS.ORG, and register today!

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Christ Lutheran Church in Pacific Beach, 4761 Cass Street, is hosting a Vacation Bible School for children up to grade five. Infants to age four must be accompanied by a parent. The dates are July 25-29, from

gested donation is \$15 per child or \$25 per family. The program will feature a music and movement class, led by Paula Mowbray, Music Director at Christ Lutheran, as well as Bible stories, craft time, snack time and more fun! The week will end with a closing picnic on Sunday, July 31st at the North side of Crown Point Park where Shasta, Sequoia and Lamont Streets meet.

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Animal Adventure Camp Fun at the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA

Animal loving kids can enjoy the dog days of summer with lovable animal buddies, fun games and activities at the San Diego Humane Society's 2011 Animal Adventure Camp. Kids ages five to 13 will interact with dogs, exercise bunnies and Guinea pigs, socialize kittens, enjoy animal related games and crafts, get behind-the-scenes tours of the Humane Society's state-of-the-art campus and much more! Weeklong Spring and Summer sessions are available April 6 to 10 and June 29 to August 7. All proceeds benefit the animals and programs of the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. Extended care



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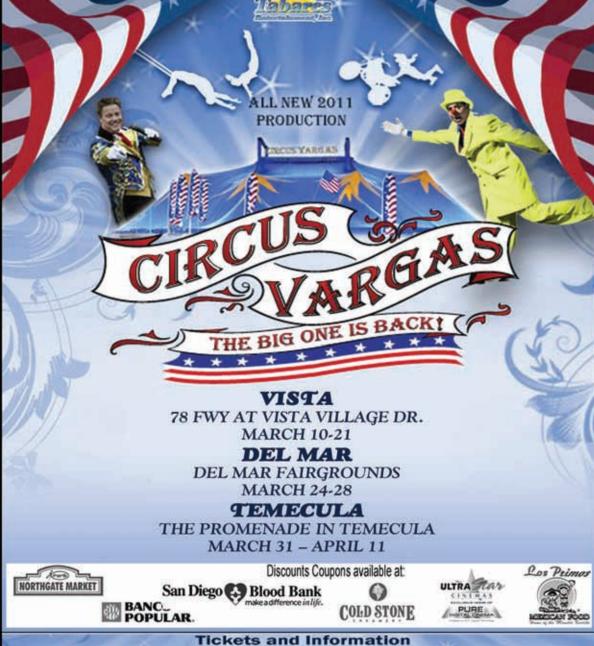


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Indie Fest 2011 bolts to Liberty Station to showcase local talent

BY BART MENDOZA I THE BEACON

Begun in 2004 to give independent artists a collective chance to be heard or have their work seen, San Diego Indie Fest has become one of the biggest events on the annual music calendar. Now in its seventh edition, the two-day 2011 festival has jumped ship to the NTC Promenade at Liberty Station after four years in North Park.

This year's showcase takes place Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13.

Organized by local musicians Danielle Lo Presti and Alicia Champion, Indie Fest is an ambitious event meant to oning of "mom-and-pop-type" indepenintroduce the public to a range of art forms, including music, dance and film. Saturday's musical artists will perform on five stages.

The eclectic lineup features more than 50 acts, including indie rockers We Are Scientists, local favorites Republic of Letters, world music combo Todo Mundo and folk icon Gayle Skidmore. Although there is a charge for the main event, there is also a free component, with a busker's (street performers) corner stage open to anyone to view or perform.

Although there will be film programs as part of the mix on Saturday, Sunday will be completely devoted to cinema complete with a red-carpet opening. Several films will have premieres at Indie Fest, including comedies "The Little Matchmakers" and "Gone Hollywood," with cast and crew on hand. The day also includes a program devoted to music videos and the debut of fantasy/comedy short "Dungeon Master."

While there are other local music fes-

tivals on the annual calendar, Lo Presti said that for Indie Fest, there is a different philosophy in place.

'We have a goal of offering people a place to make discoveries," said Lo Presti. "A lot of festivals are about seeing the biggest, most popular bands. Indie Fest tries to turn you on to as many remarkable artists as possible in different fields; artists that you may not have not heard about. So in one weekend, you can make a massive number of 'discoveries' of all different kinds of art that wasn't on your

She also notes the event's champident businesses.

"This whole idea of supporting the little guy is a way of being active in your community," Lo Presti said.

Previous locations for Indie Fest have included Hillcrest's Abbey, with the main stage the last few years located in a parking lot behind the North Park Theatre. Lo Presti is clear on why she prefers the move from an urban setting to a park

"The grass," she laughed. "People can bring a beach blanket this year and camp out near the stage. They can play Frisbee, kids can run and play and the bay is right there."

She cautions that because of the wind off the water, a jacket is probably a good idea for the outdoor parts of the festival.

At press time, Lo Presti and crew were knee deep in preparations for this year's event, but plans are already under way for 2012. The idea is to keep growing Indie Fest, she said.

"Hopefully, we'll keep getting more



Musician Danielle Lo Presti is one of the two driving forces behind Indie Fest, along with Alicia Champion.

established so sponsors are coming to us (and) it's not such a struggle to pay bills," Lo Presti said, "although the real hard part of doing this sometimes is trying to whittle down who gets to be on the bill from our 500 favorite acts," she

While promoting Indie Fest is currently in the "labor of love" stage, Lo Presti said she would like to see greater involvement from the community.

"With a little support from sponsors, we can add more stages and screenings," Lo Presti said. "That's one of the beautiful things about moving the event to our new location. There's lots of room to grow, so the sky's the limit."

San Diego Indie Fest 7: noon to 11 p.m. on March 12 and March 13 at the NTC Promenade at Liberty Station, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. All ages. Tickets are \$22 -\$25; children under 12 are admitted free with paid adult. Visit www.San-DiegoIndieFest.com.



PLHS OFFERS UP SPRING MUSICAL

J. Pierrepont Finch (played by Reuben Barrack), left, gets advice from Mr. Twimble (Alexander Escobedo) on how to be a company man in the comedy "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," now on stage at the Point Loma High School Performing Arts Center. Drama teacher Jennifer Brahms Gardham directs a clever and colorful production of the Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning American classic (which is also currently showing on Broadway). The expansive cast of talented young actors succeeds by delivering song and dance with a nuance, maturity and timing far beyond their teen years. Performances are at 6:30 p.m. on March 10, 11 and 12. Tickets are \$7 at the door.

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HTH Media Arts wins Indie Fest award

"Soaring Eagles," a student-produced documentary about American Indian education, has received a prestigious Award of Merit from The Indie Fest. "Soaring Eagles" documents an important cultural and education program of San Diego Unified School District's Indian Education Program through interviews with participants, testimonials and footage from traditional American Indian dance exhibitions. Co-executive producer Chris Rosskopf praised his students

"I'm extremely proud of the professionalism, maturity and work ethic the students exhibited in eliciting the story of the 'Soaring Eagles' organization through their thoughtful interview questions, effective cinematography and compelling editing."

The Indie Fest recognizes film professionals who demonstrate exceptional achievement in craft and creativity, and those who produce standout entertainment or contribute to profound social

Entries are judged by highly-qualified professionals in the film industry. For more information about the Indie Fest and a list of recent winners, visit www.theindiefest.com.

PLNU to host Kurtz, Irawati in benefit concert

San Diego Symphony principal bassist Jeremy Kurtz and pianist Ines Irawati will perform a benefit concert for Interfaith Shelter Network on Monday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Entitled "High Notes," the concert will take place at Point Loma Nazarene University's Crill Performance Hall, and will feature classical and classically-inspired music. Kurtz and Irawati will be accompanied by Baja California Orchestra principal bassist Andrés Martin, percussionist Jon Szanto and San Diego Symphony associate principal second violinist Jeffrey Zehngut.

All concert proceeds will go to support the Interfaith Shelter Network of San Diego as part of a year-long celebration of the organization's 25th

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appeal to those kids who find that they are musically inclined, but have no place to express themselves. EMS gives them a stage, and the skills, support and encouragement they need to free up their talent."

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anniversary.

Kurtz and Irawati will be performing several favorite classical works by composers such as Mendelssohn, Misek and Schubert. Also on the program is a Middle Eastern melody by Syrian bassist Francois Rabbath, a bassist/narrator piece by Jon Deak and the U.S. premiere of "Tango Across the Border," a duo for two basses by Andrés Martin.

The suggested donation for the "High Notes" concert is \$25 per person (\$10 for students). Crill Performance Hall is located at 3900 Lomaland Drive. Free parking is available and tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, call (619) 702-5300, or visit www.interfaithshelter.org.

Dana students readying

Dana Middle School's musical theatre class

"Annie Jr." is an edited version of the Broadway show "Annie," which is based on Harold

The junior version includes all the hit songs from the original production and features 44 Dana students. Freja Willink plays the title role, with Denver Lutz as Daddy Warbucks, Cindy St. Clair as Grace Farrell, Jasmine Otto as Miss Hannigan, Alex Pickering as Rooster Hannigan, and Maya Nielsen as Lily

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Cobb, the class has presented such Broadway shows as "Bye Bye Birdie," "Oklahoma!," "Guys and Dolls," "H.M.S. Pinafore" and "The Pirates of Penzance."

The shows on March 15, 16 and 17 are student matinees, beginning at 10:20 a.m. and are free to students from Point Loma schools. The March 18 show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets for the March 18 performance are \$7, and can be reserved by going to www.dana middle.com. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the

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Opera is flourishing at Point Loma Nazarene University. Over the last two years, students there have been winning accolades for their achievements in classical singing, including prizes at the Metropolitan Opera Auditions, La Jolla Symphony Competition and roles sung at the Lyric and at San Diego Opera.

Two years ago, students formed an opera club and have since produced three operas on their own. In recognition of their achievements, lan Campbell, director of San Diego Opera, will conduct a three-hour staging workshop on scenes from the first act finale of "The Marriage of

Campbell will meet with students on March 23 from 4 to 7 p.m. in Crill Hall to stage the scenes and give them guidance on how characterization can enhance their singing.

The session is open to the public and hors d'ouvres will be served in Crill Hall lobby, located at 3900 Lomaland Drive, starting at 3:30 p.m.

A donation to Point Loma Opera Theatre is suggested.



Lily St. Regis (played by Maya Nielsen) tugs at Annie (Freja Willink) during a Friday rehearsal by Dana Middle School's musical theater class, which is performing "Annie Jr." from March



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