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#### INAUGURAL OB BEACH BALL THRILLS FUNSEEKERS WITH NEW HEIGHTS

Always looking to bring out that Ocean Beach flavor with something a little different, the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA) B Beach Ball on May 21 in spectacular fashion. One of the fascinating draws of the affair was the giant 60-foot Fel ris wheel that lifted residents like this one Ocean Beach couple, upper left, high above the beach line for a view not often seen by many locals and visitors. Above, another trio experiences the adrenaline rush as they prepare to soar skyward. The event also included a music and microbrew fest for funseekers, along with plenty of food, vendors and interactive games to keep youngersters occupied. Upper right, Dominic, 7, takes a little tumble from a mock rodeo bull. OBMA event organizers said the Beach Ball was designed in part to celebrate the opening of summer, but also to raise funds for the OBMA and the OB Community Foundation. Photos by Jim Grant I The Beacon

# **Stone brewing up** \$26.6M expansion

## Liberty Station tapped for major additions

By MARIKO LAMB | THE BEACON

Stone Brewing Co., Southern California's largest craft brewer, will open a second outfit of its award-winning Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens in Point Loma's historic Liberty Station as part of early \$27 million in expansion projects slated for the coming year.

The brewery-restaurant, scheduled to open in spring 2012, will boast 20,000 square feet of indoor dining, a 10-barrel

brewing system, 40 craft and specialty beers on tap and nearly an acre of outdoor space that will include a beer garden, bocce courts and an outdoor movie screening area.

"We weren't really looking for another spot, but the spot [Liberty Station] found us," said Stone Brewery's CEO and co-founder Greg Koch.

"We're able to create a very special

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Steve Wagner, left, and Greg Koch, co-founders of Stone Brewing Co., are in the midst of a nearly \$27 million expansion that will include a massive presence at Liberty Station beginning in the spring of 2012.

## PLHS poised to graduate another stellar group of young scholars

BY SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

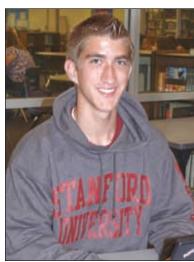
Nearly 440 young men and women will receive their high school diplomas on Friday, June 10, during commencement ceremonies at Point Loma High School (PLHS). Leading them onto Bennie Edens Field at 3 p.m. in a white cap and gown will be class valedictorian Justo Caballero.

Caballero earned the honor after making an 'A' in every class he took — in all four years.

With final grades due soon, Caballero said, "I should have a cumulative gradepoint average (GPA) of 4.9."

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Veterans, active-duty military personnel and visitors paid homage to America's fallen heroes on May 30 during the 111th annual Memorial Day Service and Day of Remembrance at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in Point Loma. Above, guests of honor salute during the retiring of colors at Monday's event. Left, members of the San Diego Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution reenactors stand in front of the USS Bennington Memorial Monument. Right, Pearl Harbor Survivor Woody Derby carries the American flag for the advancing of colors. Courtesy photos by Teri Simas





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## **NTC Promenade renovation to clear** path for more arts, cultural treasures

By TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

The next ambitious step in expanding the Mecca for arts and culture at the former Naval Training Center (NTC) - now known as Liberty Station — will take place this summer.

The plan involves renovating eight of the historic 1920s-era buildings in the heart of the center that makes up the 28-acre, 27-building NTC Promenade. When complete early next year, the renovation will provide new opportunities for San Diego's creative community, as well as for nonprofit groups and unique retailers, said Alan Ziter, executive director of the NTC Foundation. Ziter addressed the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) on May 19.

Seven of the buildings to be renovated are former barracks — four on Historic Decatur Road and three on Truxtun Road. The other is Officer's Quarters D on Rosecrans Street which, like the other three officer's quarters, are the only buildings on the campus that were built to face the neighborhood instead of the base, Ziter said.

The project will add some 52,500 square feet of usable space to the promenade and bring to 15 the total number of buildings renovated. The foundation hopes to secure the necessary \$20 million in funding this month, Ziter said.

Among the tenants confirmed when the project is complete are: Women's Museum of California; San Diego River Park Foundation: Yellow Book Road, a children's bookstore: and Scout, a home furnishing and fixtures retailer that

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will use the officers quarters and their one-acre garden. Negotiations are ongoing with other interested parties, Ziter said.

"For 75 years, NTC was the cradle for the Navy in San Diego," Ziter said. "We want to become a destination for children and families and create a historic showcase for the legacy of NTC and those who served in the buildings."

The NTC Foundation was created in 2000 by the San Diego City Council to secure the estimated \$100 million in funding to renovate the buildings and operate the promenade. One of the best-known previously renovated structures is Building 175, which now houses Dance Place San Diego. It's the home for three of the city's top dance companies and has seven studios available for community use, Ziter said.

Still on the drawing board is the renovation of the historic Luce Auditorium, one of the most beloved and asked-about buildings. The latest proposal calls for transforming the 1,800-seat facility into two, 200-seat cinemas and one 450-seat cinema that would also be available for dance, Ziter said.

#### In other PCPB news:

• The PCPB has gone paperless at its monthly board meetings. Instead of handing out printed copies, the agenda is now projected on a screen from a laptop. Agendas and other documents are also available at www.pcpb.net.

• It's a frustrating fact of life for

- motorists heading east on Highway 8. Even though it intersects with Highway 5, there's no northbound ramp. This curious condition remains unchanged in the draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, a document that projects needs for transit, highways, local streets, bicycling, and walking over the next four decades. Even with an estimated \$196 billion in revenues available for the plan, the connector did not qualify for funding, said Stephan Vance, senior regional planner, in response to a question. The PCPB may take a position on the plan at its June 16 meeting, said Chairman Suhail Khalil said. The plan is available at www.sandag.org.
- There may be a weird odor, but there won't be any jackhammers when a contractor renovates sewer lines this fall along Gage Drive, Loma Valley Place, Loma Valley Road, Inez Street and Jennings Street. It's an innovative process called trenchless technology, said Maryam Liaghat, associate civil engineer for the city. Instead of digging a trench, crews enter through manholes and cleanouts and apply a resin coating to the inside of the pipes. The process is also faster and more inexpensive than traditional trenching, Liaghat said. More information on the project, known as Sewer Pipeline Rehabilitation O-1, is available at

www.sandiego.gov/engineering-cip.



Nearly 30 teams participate in the American Cancer Society's Point Loma/Ocean Beach Relay for Life event at Liberty Station on May 21. The participants raised more than \$45,000 for the American Cancer Society.

## Relay for Life event raises \$45,000 for Point Loma, OB cancer patients

By KAI OLIVER-KURTIN | THE BEACON

Raising more than \$45,000 for the American Cancer Society through its nationwide signature fundraiser, the Point Loma/Ocean Beach Relay for Life event on May 21 reaped benefits for local cancer patients.

Celebrating its third year, Point Loma/Ocean Beach Relay for Life at Liberty Station drew 27 teams to the 24hour race, with a member of each team required to be on the track at all times. To light the pathway for participants after sunset, lining the track were personalized luminaries honoring cancer survivors and paying tribute to those who lost their battle with the disease.

Event standouts were Clay Treska, a cancer survivor turned full-time Ironman athlete who biked 100 miles for the cause, and Adam Godlove, who ran 50 miles in honor of a family friend

who died of cancer.

Hourly attire themes transformed the track's racers from superheroes to sports fanatics and from rock stars to surfers. Within the campsite, food and other items from area businesses were sold and raffled off as fundraisers while live music and entertainment served as momentum for racers.

Funding will help with research, advocacy, education and services for people living with cancer, including the 'Road to Recovery" service that helps patients with transportation to medical facilities, and the "Look Good ... Feel Better" program that lends support to chemotherapy patients coping with hair loss and other side effects associated with treatment.

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.relayforlife.org/ptlomaoceanbeachca.

#### **NEWS***briefs* **Boater killed in accident** near Shelter Island

A 50-year-old man died May 24 in waters near Shelter Island when he fell from a dinghy he was riding in with his girlfriend, police said.

responded to the emergency said it is unclear what caused the victim, identified as Michael Hill, to fall into the water shortly before 8 p.m.

Officers, aided by a Navy corpsman who was kayaking nearby, pulled Hill from the water onto a Harbor Police patrol boat. Harbor Police officers administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation until paramedics arrived. The paramedics San Diego Harbor Police officers who worked to revive Hill for about 30 min-

utes, but their efforts were unsuccessful.

Hill and his girlfriend were returning from a restaurant on Shelter Island to the 50-foot catamaran on which Hill lived when the accident occurred, officers said. They said Hill had lived aboard the catamaran in the Port of San Diego's Shelter Island mooring area for several years.

Officers were told by Hill's girlfriend front of Hill, who was steering. She said

the dinghy suddenly lurched forward for no apparent reason. When she looked back, she told officers, Hill was in the

He was wearing a life jacket at the time of the accident.

Harbor Police officers said Hill may have struck his head on the dinghy's motor as he fell backwards. The exact that she had been seated in the dinghy in cause of death will be determined by the county Medical Examiner's Office.

#### **Historical Society to host** two men's reflections

The Ocean Beach Historical Society will host its monthly meeting June 16, featuring a presentation of "Charlie & Tonii — The Boys from the Other Side of

As boys, Carlos Charlie "Taco" LeGret-

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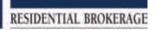
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# **Vacant Hancock Street condos** may finally lure renters in July

By TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

First, there were going to be condos for sale. Then, it was going to be a hotel. In a month or so, perhaps the third incarnation will be the charm when renters could begin moving in at Stella, locted at 2015 Hancock St.

The new owners are "shooting for the beginning of July" for their grand opening and hope to have the building filled with renters by the end of the year, said Mick Barbee, director of West Coast Acquisitions for Carmel Partners.

Though the four-story, 85-unit project was approved in 2005 and constructed over the next few years, no one's ever occupied the building. Carmel Partners finalized the purchase in April, some 26 months after the building fell into receivership, said Barbee, who addressed members of the North Bay Community Planning Group (NBCPG) on May 18.

The original developer, Constellation Property Group, had hailed the units they named Stella at Five Points as "hip and trendy ... designer condominiums" that would sell on average for \$432.800.

The San Diego Redevelopment Agency had agreed to provide a \$1.7 million subsidy so 13 of the two-bedroom units would be sold to moderate-income buy-

Constellation later changed course and planned to market the building as a hotel called domus@STELLA. Both proposals fizzled and receivership took place in February 2009. The redevelopment agency never paid anything to Constellation and terminated its owner-

said Cynthia Eldred, lawyer for Carmel Partners.

Because of current market conditions, Carmel Partners has ruled out trying to sell the condos. The building requires only minor cleanup and landscaping before allowing renters, Barbee

The original requirement to provide 13 affordable units still stands because it was part of the agreement with the redevelopment agency before the city issued permits. Eldred said she will eventually ask the city for a reduction to 8½ units, which she said would comply with the city's inclusionary housing ordinance.

Without commenting on whether Carmel Partners should be allowed to reduce its affordable housing obligation, NBCPG Chairwoman Melanie Nickel said she was encouraged to see

"We're all glad to see the project moving forward," Nickel said. "There were a whole slew of residential projects right there at the trolley, then the bottom fell through. We were concerned about that project just standing there derelict."

#### In other NBCPG news:

· A water-main replacement project has NBCPG board members concerned about traffic headaches for people trying to get on and off interstates 8 and 5. The project involves both sides of Camino del Rio West between Moore and Hancock streets, as well as surrounding blocks on Kurtz, Riley, Moore and Greenwood streets. Construction is ship participation agreement in April, scheduled to begin in June 2012 and

take place during the day so as not to disrupt nearby hotels, said project engineer Elizabeth Dunn. The project, known officially as Sewer & Water Group Job 799, does not yet have a page on the city's website.

• The newest name on the board is also a familiar one. Cathy Kenton has been appointed to replace Bill Kenton, longtime member and community advocate, who died in April at the age of 85. Like her late father, Cathy has plenty of community planning experience, having chaired the Midway Planning Group (the previous name of the NBCPG) in the 1990s and is serving on the Torrey Pines Planning Board. In memory of Bill Kenton, the board opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

• The eventual sale of the mammoth U.S. Post Office on Midway Drive will not come as a surprise if board member Mike Swanston can help it. Three developers are believed to be vying for the purchase, said Swanston, who has vowed to keep tabs on the transaction. All three are locally based and are interested in doing a project that involves residential. commercial or a combination, he said.

• For the second year in a row, no portion of the June 5 Rock 'n' Roll Marathon course runs through the Peninsula - and that news has earned a thumbs-up from Nickel. "It practically shut down the neighborhood (in previous years)," Nickel said. "We begged them every year to consider another route." The course again ends at Sea-World instead of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, and no running takes place on Pacific Highway, Barnett Avenue or surrounding streets, as in previous years.



Longtime resident Larry Tonii DeGarcia, who will speak to the Ocean Beach Historical Society June 16, is shown as a baby in front of Wonderland Apartments.

ti and Larry Tonnii DeGarcia lived in the Azure Vista tenement housing along Sunset Cliffs Boulevard in the mid-1950s. The tenement has now been eplaced by expensive homes and is considered prime oceanfront property. Both men also lived in the Frontier tenement housing where the old Frontier Drive-in was located in the Midway area (now called North Bay.)

Both men will share their reflections on life back then during the program.

Charlie's family owned the first Mexican restaurant in Ocean Beach.

The Wonderland Apartments fascinated Tonii and played a major role in his life. The original Wonderland offices, which were moved and converted into apartments, were his first home. Many vears later, when the building was condemned, he bought it and restored it, along with the original Wonderland sign.

The presentation takes place at 7 p.m. at the Point Loma United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

For more information, visit obhistory.wordpress.com.

#### **Essay work earns 2 PLHS students laptops**

Two young men from Point Loma High School showed off their essay-writing skills recently, and were rewarded with laptop scholarships by the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and

Seniors Justin Powell and Jose Hernandez competed against nearly 200 colleagues in an essay contest with the theme "envisioning San Diego's public transportation in the next 30 years." Each student was honored May 26 by the MTS board of directors and was awarded a new laptop computer from Coca-Cola.

Powell and Hernandez were among 40 essay winners honored at MTS headquarters downtown.

#### Midway DUI checkpoint results in 11 arrests

San Diego police handcuffed 11 drivers on suspicion of driving under the influence during a DUI checkpoint in the Midway District on May 13.

The operation took place in the 4000block of Sports Arena Boulevard, with subsequent saturation patrols in the Ocean Beach and Pacific Beach communities, according to police.

Statistics from the operation show 314 vehicles were screened at the checkpoint. Of those, eight motorists were detained for further evaluation. One of those drivers was arrested for suspected driving under the influence, with the remaining seven having consumed a measurable level of alcohol

Ten arrests were made in Pacific Beach for DUI the same night. One of the drivers was arrested for felony evasion of a peace officer, hit and run and DUI, according to police.

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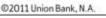
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# Tragic death of HTH senior leaves host of friends asking 'Why?'

Family's murder-suicide stuns student body

By MARIKO LAMB | THE BEACON

High Tech High senior Priscilla Pimienta, 17, her younger sister Emily, 9, and her father Alfredo, 44, were found dead in the backyard swimming pool of their home on Parkcreek Court on May 24. Priscilla's mother. Georgina. 38. was found dead in a bathtub inside the

According to police reports, a family relative came to the house early on Tuesday morning to discuss business, as requested by Priscilla's father. There, the relative saw two bodies in the backyard swimming pool before calling authorithe bottom of the pool weighted down

Despite resuscitative efforts on both Alfredo and Emily, the entire family was pronounced dead by 7:15 a.m., according to authorities

Homicide Unit detectives found evidence that the family's death was the result of a murder-suicide. No other suspects are under investigation, police officials said.

According to police Capt. Jim Collins, notes apparently left by each of the parents were found inside the home that provided details about how they wanted their affairs to be handled - even detailing which clothes they wanted their more than 100 of Priscilla's friends and daughters to wear when they were to be buried.

Autopsies were performed on May 24.

"Her life was about to start and to have this happen out of nowhere, it kind of just really hits hard to anyone at our

#### MARLENA FINE

High Tech High classmate and friend of apparent murder-suicide victim Priscilla Pimienta, 17

Wednesday by the San Diego Medical Examiner's Office, which revealed that Alfredo was the last of his family mem-

Although the initial cause of death ties. Alfredo's body was later found at was believed to be drowning, the final determination will remain inconclusive until toxicology reports are completed, which may take up to eight weeks or more, police said.

A motive has not been conclusively determined, but police investigators said they discovered that Alfredo's towing business, Lightning Towing and Transport, was losing money and that the family had accrued extensive credit card

Georgina's Facebook web page also indicated that the family had previously lost a son, Isaiah, although it is not clear when or how the young boy died.

Following the news of her death, classmates held a candlelight vigil at Mariner's Point in Mission Beach on



Classmates of High Tech High senior Priscilla Pimienta, 17, gather in a somber moment on the Point Loma campus to remember the young victim of an apparent murder-suicide that investigators believe was organized by the parents. Priscilla and the other three members of her family perished May 24 – four days before Priscilla's prom and a month before she was prepared to graduate. Photo by Jim Grant I The Beacon

The teenagers at the gathering said better," Lopez said. they were stunned by the death of their classmate and friend.

"When I heard the news about what happened, I couldn't believe that anyone would do such a thing," said High Tech High classmate Aowei Chenqi, adding that he was filled with "unbearable sadness and anger."

Priscilla was described by friends as being loyal, honest and kind.

"She would always make sure I had a smile on me," said Tania Lopez, a close friend of Priscilla's.

"One time I called her and told her, 'I need my best friend with me.' In five minutes, she was driving to my house, and as soon as she came, I felt so much

Priscilla had been making plans with friends to rent a limo for her senior prom on the Saturday following her death -May 28 — and attend a party afterwards. She was also set to graduate from High Tech High on June 25 and attend Sonoma State University to study biology starting in the fall, friends said.

"Her life was about to start and to have this happen out of nowhere, it kind of just really hits hard to anyone at our school," said High Tech High classmate Marlena Fine.

Lopez agreed.

"She was a unique person. She never liked to wear shoes. She was more like a simple girl who didn't care what other

people thought about her. I loved the way she was and always will," said

To honor Priscilla's memory, her friends decided attend their prom on Saturday night without shoes — just as Priscilla would have done.

High Tech High has set up the Prissy and Emily Memorial Fund to help relatives with funeral costs. Donations can be made at any Wells Fargo Bank branch or mailed directly to High Tech High, located at 2861 Womble Road, San Diego, CA 92106. Make checks payable to High Tech High, c/o Priscilla and

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Visitors to the Empty Bowls fundraising event for T.A.C.O. (Third Avenue Charitable Organization) in La Jolla on May 7 scour through hundreds of bowls, all made by local artisans. The next local Empty Bowls event takes place June 5 in Ocean Beach. Photo by Don Balch | The Beacon

## Filling bowls will help fill needs of the hungry

By JOSH SELIGMAN | THE BEACON

A host of adults and children from all walks of life will gather on Saturday, June 5, not only to eat, but also for an opportunity to help feed other hungry neighbors in San Diego.

The event, known as the Empty Bowls brunch, takes place from 10:30 a.m. to noon at St. Peter's by the Sea Lutheran Church at the corner of Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Point Loma Avenue.

Here's the deal. With a \$20 donation, participants may choose from hundreds of bowls of various shapes, colors and sizes crafted by local potters, before filling them for a meal.

"The best thing is to watch little kids pick their bowls," said Giovanna Iaffaldano, publicity coordinator for Empty Bowls and a potter herself. "The kids will pick out some very interesting things that an adult will not consider. When we ask them why they picked

me of a turtle,' or 'It reminds me of something I did for my mom.' It's real-

Once participants have decided on a bowl, they can fill it with food for themselves. This year, the entrees include quiches, fruit and pastries. In the past, restaurants have supplied soup and bread. Then, participants can eat with and mingle with a mix of people who share their passion for art and concern for the most vulnerable in our city.

"Bowls are usually worth more than \$20," Iaffaldano said. "Good potters sell their bowls for \$26 to \$30."

Organizers said this will be San Diego's fifth year hosting Empty Bowls at various locations in the city.

The international event began in 1990 when a high school art teacher in Michigan and his students raised money for hungry people by serving a simple meal in homemade ceramic bowls. It was introduced to San Diego

[certain] bowls, they say, 'It reminds by two local potters, Lynn Render and Lvnn Zimmer.

> Two Empty Bowls events are held in San Diego each year. Last year, both events raised a total of \$13,500 for the hungry. And word is getting out.

> On May 7, during the first event of 2011, Empty Bowls raised \$13,000 in just two hours. Iaffaldano is hopeful that Empty Bowls will exceed last year's total after Saturday's event in Ocean Beach.

All of the proceeds go to Third Avenue Charitable Organization (TACO), a local organization that serves homeless, elderly and working poor people — primarily in downtown San Diego. Through their partners, TACO offers free meals, health clinics and counseling services to hundreds of people each week, mostly at First Lutheran Church downtown.

For more information, call (619) 224-2984, or visit www.emptybowls.net or www.tacosd.org.

## GRADUATION

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points for an 'A,' versus four points in other courses.

Several required classes during Caballero's ninth and tenth grade years awarded only four points for his 'A's, meaning a 5.0 GPA over four years was impossible to earn.

As a result of his efforts, Caballero will enter prestigious Stanford University to major in either biomedical or chemical engineering or biology and premedicine, he said.

Caballero, who will be the first in his immediate family to attend a four-year university, lives in North Park. As a second-grader at Florence Elementary in Hillcrest, his high score on an intelligence test

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led school officials to offer his parents a choice of schools to attend. They selected Dewey Elementary.

Since then, he has followed the path of others in the Point Loma Cluster, attending Dana and Correia Middle Schools before enrolling at PLHS for ninth grade. "Point Loma High School has great

teachers," Caballero said. "They really understand the needs of students and work with you to build on your strengths and correct your weaknesses. They create an environment that is very healthy for students and helps everyone succeed. They also have great programs to help you expand on your areas of interest."

The ccomplishment is no accident.

"I decided as a sophomore that I wanted to be valedictorian," Caballero said. "I played football my freshman and sophomore year, but decided to stick to school.'

Caballero said the class of 2011 has distinguished itself in other ways at PLHS.

"This class has a lot of school spirit, more than I've seen in any other class," Caballero said. "There's definitely great diversity in the class and I feel like I'm right there with them. We have fun."

"There are many outstanding students who have been accepted at great universities or have received athletic scholarships,"

The class salutatorian role will be shared by Stephanie Navarro and Hannah Robertson.

Navarro will join Caballero at Stanford, while Robertson is headed to Cal State

The three will be featured speakers at commencement, which takes place from 3 to 5 p.m.

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## STONE

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environment there and we're very excited about it." he said.

Koch and his business partner. Steve Wagner, adhere to their commitment that beer should be bold and that cuisine should be held to a higher standard. Menu options will include non-commodity, non-factory-produced meats, no processed foods or chemical enhancers. and all locally-grown, small-farm organic produce.

"All of the small decisions we make, we try to make in concert with each other. Creating bold beers with boring food just wasn't in the cards for us," said Koch.

Fruits, vegetables, herbs and even indigenous hops for both the existing and planned Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens will be supplied by the brewery's own newly-purchased 18.7-acre farm located eight miles north of its current Escondido location. Mil Krecu, Stone Farm's manager, even planted pumpkins, which will be harvested in late summer for pumpkin ale, expected to be released in October this year.

The 400-seat restaurant in the newlyrestored Building 1 at Liberty Station and the revival of the former La Milpa Organica farm are only two components of the company's vast \$26.6 million expansion.

Other plans that are already under way include doubling the size of the company's original Escondido-based brewery, opening a store and tasting room in South Park's "beer corridor" on 30th St., and building a 40- to 50-room boutique hotel across from the existing Stone Brewery in Escondido.

In the wake of an overall drop in American beer sales, craft beer - traditionally-brewed, independently-owned beer with an annual production of six million barrels or less — has spiked 11 percent, according to the Brewers Association, a Colorado-based trade group.

According to the San Diego Business Journal, Stone Brewery has been one of the fastest-growing companies in San Diego County for the last 10 years.

#### **STONE BREW'S EXPANSIONS ON TAP**

- · Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens: 400-seat, 20,000-square-foot restaurant and bar; three-quarters of an acre outdoor space with a beer garden, bocce courts and outdoor movie-screening area; 10-barrel brewing system and 40 craft and specialty beers on tap
- Stone Farm: 18.7 acres of farmland to supply organic produce for Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens and Stone Brewery's new catering company
- The Stone Co. Store: 1,100 square feet of retail space, filled with Stone merchandise and a 14-tap growler and tasting station in South Park
- Stone Hotel: Boutique hotel with 40 to 50 rooms next to Stone Brewery and restaurant in Escondido
- Expansion of the existing Stone Brewery: New office, a catering kitchen, event space, special room for barrel-aged beers and an expanded production facility allowing for a second brewline and additional fermentation in the existing brewery

This year is no different.

Stone Brewery is not only increasing its production capacity from 115,000 barrels to 400,000 to 500,000 barrels per year, it is also creating 250 permanent jobs and several hundred contractual construction jobs as a result of its expansion.

Stone Brewery, which began in a small warehouse in San Marcos, has grown to surpass San Diego's oldest beer manufacturer, Karl Strauss, by three times its sales percentage.

Stone distributes its craft brews to 36 states in the U.S. and the District of Colombia. Koch and Wagner also hope to become the first Americans to open a craft brewery in Europe.

As to the philosophy behind Stone Brewery's success, Koch contends, "There are a hundred right ways to do something and a million wrong ways to do it. Not that our way is the right way, but it's right for us. We've tried to focus on what is our right way. Number one, be true to ourselves by creating our styles of beer and food."



Stone Brewing Co. co-founder Greg Koch explains plans for a massive expansion of the com pany from its current Escondido site into Liberty Station and South Park.

Photo by Jim Grant I The Beacon

#### STONE BREWERY'S NOT-SO-LIGHT-AND-FLUFFY BEERS

Stone Brewery is not your typical brewery that cranks out mass-produced light beer. In fact, cofounders Koch and Wagner tend to steer clear of what Koch labels "fizzy yellow beer" and leans more toward aggressively-hopped beer with bold flavors, high alcohol percentages and International Bitterness Units (IBUS) that are off the charts.

- "Light and beer don't belong in the same sentence," said Koch.
- Here are some of the year-round releases with bold flavors and quirky titles produced by Stone Brewery's ever-expanding repertoire:
- Stone Pale Ale: Stone Brewery's flagship ale; robust and full-flavored deep-amber ale complemented by a rich maltiness; alc./vol.: 5.4 percent; IBUs: 41
- Stone Smoked Porter: Ebony-hued ale with a creamy head; smooth, yet complexly rich chocolate and coffee flavors and a subtle smokiness; alc./vol.: 5.9 percent; IBUs: 53
- Stone IPA: Heavily-hopped India pale ale with a heavy dose of bitterness and a medium malt character; alc./vol.: 6.9 percent; IBUs: 77 • Stone Ruination IPA: Immensely hopped, bitter India pale ale with a refreshing malt base;
- alc./vol.: 7.7 percent: IBUs: 100+ • Stone Sublimely Self-Righteous Ale: Deep black-hued, bitter flavor with a high alcohol percentage; alc./vol.: 8.9 percent; IBUs: 90



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# Hardesty racks two bullets to edge **Dennis Conner in Etchells Pre-Worlds**

Champion, overcame tediously light and shifty conditions on May 22 to beat out Point Loma sailing icon and America's Cup skipper Dennis Conner, who has won two Etchells World Championships in his storied career.

The race set out from the docks of the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC) in Point

Servais, Conner on Saturday was leading a field that included former world champions Hardesty, Dirk Kneulman and Vince Brun, as well as Olympian J. J. Fetter, 2009 North American Champion Marvin Beckmann and J24 North American champion Chris Snow.

Hardesty and crew Mandi Markee, Craig Leweck and Steve Pickle twice struck gold during Sunday's Sailing Supply Orca Bowl, overcoming 15- to 20degree wind shifts and one 55- to 60-

first race. While light and shifty conditions normally turn a sailboat fleet inside out, Hardesty overcame sloppy wave conditions to convincingly take the Orca Bowl, which is the San Diego Etchells Fleet 13 championship and the run-up to the Etchells World Championship set to take place June 6 through June 11.

While Argyle Campbell (Newport Sailing with crew Tom Parry and Julie Beach), Don Jesberg (San Francisco) and Rupert Henry (Sydney, Australia), all managed a first-place finish on Saturday, the six- to nine-knot conditions on Saturday were considerably more reliable than the fickle southerly breezes on Sunday. With a Midwinters West victory and an Orca victory this year, San Diego's Hardesty is creating strong momentum going into the world championship next week.

The Etchells is a fixed-keel sailboat with an overall length of 30 feet and

Bill Hardesty, the 2008 Etchells World degree wind shift halfway through the weight of about 3,200 pounds. Designed in 1968 by Skip Etchells as a possible three-person boat for the Olympics, the Etchells class is crewed by three or four persons, whose combined weight cannot exceed 628.3 pounds.

The 2011 Etchells World Championship is scheduled to take place in the Pacific Ocean off the Coronado Roads. south of North Island Naval Air Station and adjacent to Silver Strand State Beach. With 83 entries representing 11 different countries, the event may be the largest non-commercial event hosted by San Diego Yacht Club, according to Chuck Driscoll, the general chairman for the event.

For more information, call (619) 221-8400, (619) 955-7646, or visit www.etchellsworlds2011.com.

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Bill Hardesty edged Point Loma sailing icon Dennis Connor over the weeknd in the Sailing Supply Orca Bowl - the precursor to next week's Etchells World Championship off the Cornado Roads COURTESY PHOTO BY BOB GRIESER



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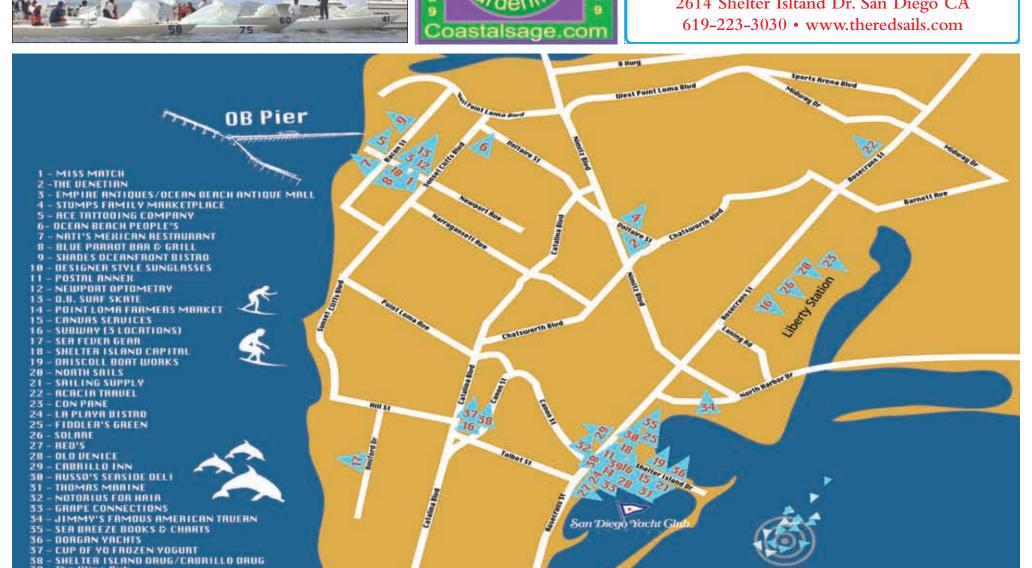


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A Memorial Day lunch/barbecue helped feed about 250 people May 30 at Saratoga Park in

#### Memorial Day outreach feeds hundreds

By BIANCA KOCH | THE BEACON

A much-anticipated outreach tradition drew hundreds to Saratoga Park in Ocean Beach on May 30 for an annual Memorial Day lunch/barbecue for the hungry.

The event was hosted by the local homeless outreach organization Second Chances Ocean Beach, also known for its Saturday breakfasts at the local Epis-

Three barbecue grills and about 25 volunteers ensured full stomachs and happy faces. Besides hot dogs, sausages and hamburgers, helpers handed out sides of cooked carrots, potatoes with secondchancesob@yahoo.com.

onion, watermelon, various snacks and vitamin drinks.

According to Tony Messina, a local volunteer and cook, about 250 people enjoyed meals on the grass and under the shady canopy set up by Second Chances OB to round out a sunny Memorial Day feast by the beach.

Messina said he was pleased with the outcome of the event.

"It was awesome," Messina said early in the afternoon. "We gave out 800 hot dogs. Actually, it still is awesome since it's not over yet."

For more information on local meal services, call (619) 886-4275, or email



#### A QUIET OBSERVANCE

A young Boy Scout spends a moment studying a marker at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in Point Loma on Memorial Day, where dozens of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and military personnel planted American flags to pay tribute to American servicemen and servicewom-Photo by Ronan Cray I The Reacon

#### **Common Care Giving** Misconceptions

Caring for a parent or spouse is an emotional subject which is likely the reason so many myths surround it. This article is designed to dispel some of these myths. It's a must-read for anyone currently involved in care giving including those who are considering hiring or perhaps even becoming a caregiver.

Adult Children No Longer Provide Care for Aging Parents at Home

While stories of adult children abandon-

ing their aging parents make for interesting reading, this is just not true. What is true is that families live further apart from one another than ever before and that situation sometimes presents caregiving challenges. Advances in communication make it easy for adult children and aging parents to stay in regular contact. Many children also care for their parents but the stress may be great.

Most People Have a Plan in Place Before the Need Arises

Not true. If you don't yet have a caregiving plan, vou're definitely not alone. Most adult children do not tackle this issue until

they are forced, meaning it doesn't usually happen until a parent becomes ill, starts showing signs of the onset of age-related conditions such as dementia or Alzheimer's disease, or until one aging parent dies and the other has trouble resuming life after the death of their spouse.

#### Caregiver Resources are Insufficient

This is not true. Caregiver resources are fragmented and sometimes difficult to comprehend or access. But they're out there. New legislation regarding caregiving and care receiving is constantly being introduced an approved. Contact Innovative Healthcare Consultants, a geriatric care management and care giving company for assistance and answers to your question. Call 877-731-1442 or see our website at www.innovativehc.com.

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#### Indie Yoga Launches as First Heated Studio in Ocean Beach

Indie Yoga (www.indieyogasd.com) today announced its launch as the first heated studio in Ocean Beach. A comfortable, soothing, clean environment for yoga students of all levels to grow and learn through the regular practice of yoga, Indie Yoga brings something new and different to the local yoga community.

Owned by local resident Charity Rahmer, Indie Yoga will officially open its doors on Saturday, June 4, with a grand opening event benefiting the Surfrider Foundation San Diego Chapter. Classes on opening day will be "pay-what-youwish," with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the cause. The owner and instructors are so passionate about keep ing San Diego's oceans, waves and beaches clean, and Surfrider is dedicated to that vision and the perfect partner for Indie Yoga's charitable efforts.

"Having practiced yoga for seven years and taught for four years, I have always wanted to open a studio that focused purely on the practice of yoga and the benefits it has on your mind, body and soul, and we've really achieved that with our new Indie Yoga studio," said Rahmer. "We've taken elements of San Diego - the beach and surf, the city's love of music, and the laid-back vibe of the community - to create a voga studio where students can really let go and have fun while doing something great for your

Indie Yoga is located at 1857 Bacon Street in Ocean Beach. For more information, call (619) 758-9642 or visit www.indieyogasd.com.

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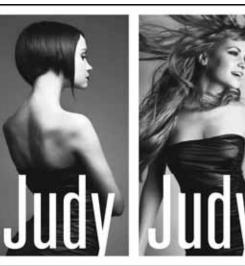


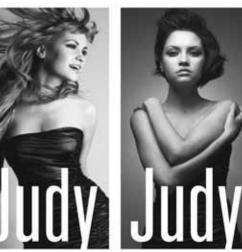


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## Canine helps reignite love of surfing for man with back injury

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON I THE BEACON

Doug Hokstad always loved to surf. But 15 years ago, a serious car accident and several resultant back surgeries snatched away that passion, adding the risk of paralysis if he ever returned to the waves. The native San Diegan, who'd grown up surfing, reluctantly abandoned his surfboard and rarely neared the water or visited the beach.

Thanks to the persistence of his girlfriend, Gigi Bagaporo, who had grown up with English bulldogs and urged Hokstad to adopt, the Mira Mesa resident not only discovered the joys and responsibilities of pet parenthood, but also reconnected with his old love of surfing.

Hokstad had never had a dog. A conscientious, serious-minded man with a charitable bent and need to give back to the community, Hokstad researched dogs English bulldogs in particular which, he learned, is a unique breed "with issues."

About five years ago, Hokstad was finally ready to take the plunge. Dozer, an English bulldog puppy, took over his and Bagaporo's lives.

"I looked at it as taking on a family member," Hokstad said. "As my first dog, it was an awakening, a real responsibility. I didn't understand how dogs change

Until then, he didn't know any of his neighbors. Now, he knows all of his neighbors through their dogs.

Dozer, they discovered, was no ordinary canine, but a dog who brought joy and pleasure into everyone's lives. For their first Christmas as a threesome, the couple dressed him in a holiday jacket and antlers and took him for photographs at Fashion Valley Mall. On his march through Macy's, Dozer's toothy hang-dog grin brought smiles to passers-by.

Hokstad tried to interest Dozer in skateboarding, but found he preferred to play with the skateboard rather than ride it. About three years ago, Bagaporo took Dozer to watch the Helen Woodward Surf Dog Competition but discovered him eager to hop aboard a board.

"Our baby is a surfer," Bagaporo said. Suddenly, with Dozer on the board with Hokstad's assistance, Hokstad was able to reclaim his passion for surfing through his beloved pup.

"Now I'm out in the ocean in the waves. My son is surfing!" Hokstad said. "It's come full circle. I never thought I'd put a surfboard in the car again. It's changed my life once more."

Dozer, an 80-pound English bulldog with a typical bulldog mug, classic protruding jaw and stocky build, took to the water like a natural and immediately attracted media attention. He and Hokstad began surfing and participating in competitions. They befriended a group of avid surf dogs and their humans, who eventually formed their own organization — So Cal Surf Dogs — to promote canine surfing.

Dozer began winning prizes, finishing first in the took first place in the Small Dog Division at the 2010 Purina Incredible Surf Challenge held in Ocean Beach, and winning prizes in other surf dog events, including the Helen Woodward Surf Dog Surf-a-thon and Loew's Coronado Bay Resort Surf Dog Competition.

Dozer's outstanding performance at Loew's, along with those of his surfing buddies Richochet, Nani, Guido, Kalani, Abbie and Zoe, snagged them roles as surf dogs in the movie, "Marmaduke," which opened in June. Dozer and Nani are shown surfing in the film, shot over three days at Zuma Beach north of Malibu.

The desire to post photos and videos of Dozer and his surfing buddies led Hokstad last year to develop a website — Dogtown San Diego (www.dogtownsandiego.com). He saw its potential as an information-sharing site for "all things dog," including articles about rescue and animal welfare organizations, pet health,

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Dozer the dog won category in 2010 Purina surf challenge in OB

"I felt that just showcasing Dozer and his surfing pictures was self-serving," Hokstad said. "I turned Dogtown into a community site where local organizations could list their events and adoptions and businesses could showcase their ser-

Among the services and businesses listed on Dogtown San Diego are petfriendly restaurants that welcome dogs

approved products including water-resistant collars and comfortable lifejackets.

A former pastor turned insurance financial consultant, Hokstad had always been involved in charitable causes. He enjoyed staging fishing tournaments to raise money for Angel Tree, a nonprofit organization providing Christmas gifts to children of incarcerated par-

As he became more involved with

safety and well-being and fundraising — not just tolerate them — and Dozer - Dozer and other dogs he gravitated to animal welfare causes for his charitable work, drawing in his So Cal Surf Dog buddies. His new website gave him the perfect tool to publicize yappy hours and other events benefiting animal-related non-profits.

Hokstad partners with dog-oriented businesses such as the Three Dog Bakery in Del Mar, Leash Your Fitness and Pawtopia Dog Training and the Hotel Indigo in Little Italy to stage and promote animal welfare events.

"Our group is about having fun with our dogs in the ocean," Hokstad said. "We're supportive of animal welfare organizations and have raised money for Helen Woodward Animal Care Center, the Spay & Neuter Action Project (SNAP), Friends of County Animal Shelters (FOCAS) and the FACE Foundation," which provides partial grants to families struggling pay for urgent medical treatment for their pets.

To watch videos of Dozer and the So Cal Surf Dogs in action, visit www.dogtownsandiego.com.



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## BUCKET BAKER



Bucket passed away Sunday morning, May 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. while in Mary's arms. Bucket was the official greeter, shop cat and ad model for the past 10 years. She will be greatly missed by all.





## **PLNU set to join Pacific West Conference**

Move could happen in 2012, pending acceptance into NCAA Division II

By JORGE DE LA TORRE | SPECIAL TO THE BEACON

Point Loma Nazarene University has accepted the invitation to join the Pacific West Conference (PacWest), pending acceptance into the NCAA Division II.

PLNU, which currently competes in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), has applied for NCAA Division II membership and will know of the NCAA's decision by July 12. Establishing a conference association is an important step in the application pro-

"We are pleased to be invited into membership by the unanimous vote of the PacWest Conference," said PLNU President Dr. Bob Brower. "We believe our application to the NCAA and the invitation for membership in PacWest will provide exciting opportunities for the future of PLNU and our student-ath-

PLNU plans to remain in the NAIA and the Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) for the 2011-12 season and join the PacWest starting in 2012-The Sea Lion athletic program will immediately be eligible for regular season conference championships and awards but will not be able to compete in regional or national play until awarded full NCAA membership in 2014-15.

PacWest Commissioner Bob Hogue said that the conference was "excited

and thrilled" that PLNU chose the PacWest and that "adding a school with the Sea Lions' athletic tradition and academic stature, along with its incredible campus in the San Diego area fits right in with our image as 'the most beautiful destination conference in the entire NCAA."

The Pacific West Conference is the largest geographically diverse conference competing at the NCAA Division II level. In 2011-12, the PacWest will consist of 10 schools located in Arizona, California, Hawaii and Utah. Beginning with the 2012-13 campaign, the PacWest will grow to 14 institutions in seven major metropolitan areas spread over four states and four times zones. The major metro areas include Los Angeles, Phoenix, San Francisco, Oakland, San Diego, Fresno and Honolulu.

Current PacWest schools are: Academy of Art (Calif.), Dominican (Calif.), Notre Dame de Namur (Calif.), Grand Canyon (Ariz.), Dixie State (Utah), Hawaii Pacific, Chaminade (Hawaii), Hawaii-Hilo and BYU-Hawaii. California Baptist is leaving the GSAC for the PacWest this upcoming fall.

Two other GSAC schools, Azusa Pacific and Fresno Pacific, will also announce that they are joining the PacWest, as will fellow NAIA institution Holy Names University (Calif.) Pending NCAA approval, this expansion would push the

league's membership up to 14.

"The PacWest has come a long way in a few short years, building its reputation as a powerful West Region conference in many sports," said Hogue. "We believe the addition of Point Loma Nazarene University, along with three other outstanding universities, positions us as one of the fastest rising conferences in the nation. We are proud that PLNU will be with us in the PacWest!"

PLNU Athletic Director Ethan Hamilton responded enthusiastically to the PacWest invitation while also acknowledging the history of competition enjoyed in the GSAC. The university has been a member of the conference since 1986 and won 41 regular season titles during that time.

"As one of the founding members of the GSAC, we are thankful for our longstanding relationship in the NAIA's top conference," he said. "In taking this next step forward, we desire to also be a strong contributor in the PacWest for years to come. I believe our new home will be a good fit for our institution in many ways and that we can continue to honor our Christian commitment and holistically develop our student-ath-

– Jorge de la Torre is the sports information director of Point Loma Nazarene Uni-

## Choose your new frames in a pet-friendly environment

Editor's note: Bucket Baker, the popular shop cat that kept watch over the happenings at John Baker Frames in Ocean Beach, passed away May 22. The Bakers buried Bucket under a pepper tree in John's yard in Point Loma. The following story, written just days before her passing, is in memorium to Bucket.

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON | THE BEACON

Are you longing to update your interior, but can't quite stretch to redecorate your home or office?

With a modest investment — and perhaps a little guidance from No. 1 "saleslady" and shop cat Bucket Baker and "director of security" Murf, a lovable rescued Bernese mountain dog mix - you can freshen your interior's look by reframing your artwork or purchasing something new at John Baker Picture Frames, located at the foot of Point Loma Ave. in Ocean Beach.

A framer for more than 45 years and self-confessed sucker for any animal in need of succor, Baker, who grew up in Ocean Beach and now lives in Point Loma, offers all types of custom framing and matting. He draws both locals and customers from throughout the region for his expertise in building Mission and Craftsman-style frames.

Boulevard, offers a full line of photo and Drive. He relocated to his current Ocean small picture frames, as well as original oil paintings, watercolors and prints. His associate, Mary Maslanik, provides art restoration and touch-up services.

Baker began as an artist, supporting himself through painting. He bought his art supplies at Aaron's in La Jolla.

"They talked me into working for them part-time and then full-time," Baker said. Later, as founder and friend Len Aaron was set to close the store, he took over as manager. Baker's innovations increased the store's receipts five-

"I put in a lot of picture frames and art supplies. Those were selling, when the art wasn't selling. The picture frames sold like crazy. Then, they [Aaron's] didn't want to close the store anymore," Baker said.

Soon, Aaron visited from Los Angeles and handed him keys to a former furniture store on Point Loma's Midway



John Baker, a devout animal lover, moved his frame shop to Point Loma Avenue about 13 Photo by Nicole Larson I The Beacon

within two weeks, turning it into Aaron's first million-dollar location. Over the next 11 years, he opened new shops in La Mesa, Palm Springs and Las Vegas, with Baker travelling constant-

"It reached the point where I didn't know where I lived. I decided to open my own store," he recalled.

Hillcrest hosted his first frame shop, Baker's shop, just east of Sunset Cliffs followed by a larger space on Midway Beach store about 13 years ago.

> "I moved over here because it's quieter, slower and a much happier place to work. I really love the location, this neighborhood and the people here. It's such a relaxed neighborhood," Baker

> It's also a community that's animalfriendly, an attribute that's important to Baker, who's never met an animal in distress he won't stop to help.

> "I like all creatures. If I see a snail in trouble, I'll save it," he said.

Baker has always had a shop cat at his Ocean Beach store. Bucket, a friendly tabby Norwegian Forest cat adopted through Sunset Cliffs Animal Hospital eight years ago, reigned over the frames. Until her recent decline in health — she suffered from diabetes, kidney failure and arthritis and had been given only a short time to live — she patrolled Point Loma Avenue, guiding customers into

Drive. Baker reopened it as a frame shop the shop and begging treats up and down the street.

> Now, she maintains her position as head of the public relations department from atop her favorite perch by the shop entrance, a furry leopard-spotted cat bed flanked by stuffed teddy bears.

> John Baker Picture Frames is located at 4735 Point Loma Ave. For more information, call (619) 223-5313, or visit www.sandiegopictureframes.com.



Bucket Baker, John Baker Frames' popular "saleslady" and head of "public relations," passed away May 22. The Bakers buried her under a pepper tree in Baker's yard in Point Photo by Nicole Larson I The Beacon



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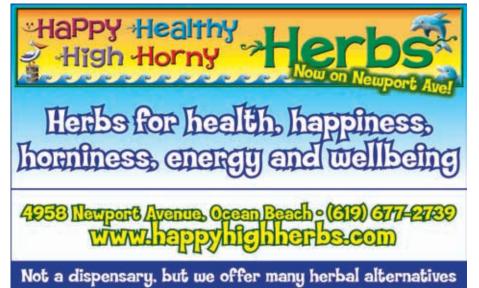
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# **Tutoring: it all adds** up at Mathnasium

By DEBBIE HATCH | THE BEACON

Mathnasium is a math-tutoring center in Point Loma offering students and adults a fresh way to look at numbers.

"What makes it fun is just the fact our teachers love kids and love watching them succeed, and they are willing go as slow as the kids need to go," said Glenn Creswell, who owns Mathnasium with his wife,

The Creswells, who both have bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics, said math does not have to be as difficult and daunting as some fear.

"Private tutoring just puts out the root fires," said Glenn Creswell.

As a result, Mathnasium prepares a child for a lifetime of problem solving, he

"We take responsibility for figuring out what they need." said Glenn Creswell.

Mathnasium has locations nationwide. Glenn taught math at a community college prior to starting his own custom cabinet and furniture business. Laura went on to teach calculus. However, they decided to open a Mathnasium tutoring center once they learned of its unique said. teaching method.

Glenn said the program presents children — or adults — ways of thinking about math problems that are less programmed and more about a cognitive approach.

One example is the manner in which children are taught to determine percentages. The example he used was finding 7 percent of 200.

"The paper-and-pencil way is to turn it create new learning habits, which will

#### **MAKING SENSE** OF MATH

Typical tutoring hours at Mathnasium are 3 to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and from 9 a.m. until noon on Sundays. Additional private tutoring hours are available for adults or older children. Mathnasium is located at 3555 Rosecrans St., Suite 100B. For more information, call (619) 224-MATH (6284), or visit www.mathnasium.com/pointloma

into .07 and multiply by 200," Glenn said. However, the Mathnasium way encourages the children to determine pe ercentages by breaking them down and figuring them out logically.

Educators teach the children the meaning of percent, which is per 100. Next, the teachers say seven per each 100. Then, they explain that the children simply have to double the answer. Neither paper nor pencil is necessary.

"It gives them new confidence," Glenn

"They [students] like it because it makes sense," Glenn said.

Each child who signs up for tutoring receives individualized learning plans.

Mathnasium tests students to determine the inefficiencies. This process is irrespective of the student's age and focuses on the developmental age. It can take 6-12 months' worth of tutoring to not only present the necessary knowledge, but also



Eli Coplan, 18, tutors a young student at Mathnasium on Rosecrans Street.

Photo by Jim Grant I The Beacon

help the child to better solve problems on his or her own.

"What we try to do is help kids develop new habits for learning math," Glenn

Students range from second-graders to seniors in high school.

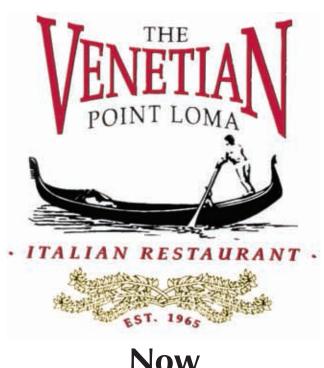
However, Mathnasium also tutors adults who struggle with math or are preparing for the Graduate Record Exam — necessary for many graduate school applications — or trade school exams.

"It [Mathnasium] gives them back control over numbers," Glenn said.

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The Ocean Beach Historical Society hosted its annual "OB Exposed!" photo contest May 13. The popular amateur contest draws photographic images – both current and historic – from around Point Loma and Ocean Beach. The event also featured a professional category, above. Here, Stephen Heverly studies "Pirate Cave" by Joe Ewing. Left, Ramona Bertholet of the Old Time Photo Company in Ocean Beach (dressed in Civil War-period costume) studies a photo called "Cabrillo Looks Away."

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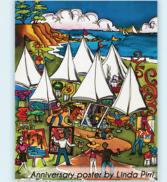


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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT briefs



Ocean Beach artist Margarette Johannes, left, has been awarded a contract to create a mural at the Palm Springs Aerial Tram's Mountain Station Interpretive Center. With her is Garratt Aitchison, sector superintendent of Mount Jacinto State Park.

## OB artist awarded state parks mural project

Principal artist Margarette Johannes and Avant Palette - Custom Wall Finishes & Painting in Ocean Beach have been awarded a contract to create a 30-by-8 mural that will greet visitors at the Palm Springs Aerial Tram's Mountain Station Interpretive Center.

Johannes said she has been contracted to produce the latex and acrylic mural in San Diego and will transport it to Palm Springs in five sections for installation.

"We went through an extensive research process to find muralists with experience in creating nature scenes before identifying a handful who were invited to participate in the bidding process," said Garratt Aitchison, sector superintendent of Mount San Jacinto State Park. "We're very excited to be working with Margarette to realize the vision we have for this piece."

The mural will feature Long Valley, a part of the park that is only accessible by way of a steep path. Aitchison sees it as allowing everyone who visits the interpretive center to experience the valley's beauty, even those who aren't able to physically get there.

Johannes said she did plenty of research, including visiting the site, before completing her preliminary sketches. Her idea is to create a spring-time vista at either dusk or dawn. The scheduled delivery date for the mural is September, but she said she hopes to exceed expectations and deliver it early summer.

As a woman/minority-owned small business, Johannes said Avant Palette is investigating other opportunities in the public sector. Johannes said she is also excited about having her work seen by tens of thousands of Mount San Jacinto State Park visitors.

Local projects commissioned by Avant Palette include those at Miguel's in Point

Loma and the OB Noodle House. For more information, call (877) 651-8495, or visit www.avant-palette.com.



Girl Scouts follow the lead of choreographer Christopher Estrella, who is teaching the "Thriller" dance to be performed June 25 at the San Diego County Fair.

Courtesy photo

#### 'Zombies' train for 'Thriller' dance at fair

Christopher Estrella of CStarproductionz is hosting free dance classes in Point Loma in advance of a "Thriller" dance event June 25 at the San Diego County Fair.

Estrella is hosting all former "zombies" and "wannabe zombies," which includes participants from the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Marine Corps and sheriff's and police associations.

The classes are open to the public and located throughout the city.

Locally, classes are held at:

- in Point Loma on Mondays from 6 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m. at NTC Park in Liberty Station, 2750 Dewey Road
- Mission Bay on Sundays from 1 to 2 p.m. behind the Hilton Hotel, 1775 E. Mission Bay Drive

Estrella said he will also be posting "Thriller" dance lessons on his website so people can practice at home. An added bonus is each performer is given free entrance into the fair.

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## Mixing musical magic, fashionista vision

## Janet Walsh puts emphasis on 'FAM'

BY BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

While being a musician is a full-time job, for many it's just not enough to satisfy their creative energy. Such is the case with singer Janet Walsh. Best known as a vocalist with such groups as the Rhythm Makers, the Corvelles and the Lady Luck Revue, Walsh is also behind Ocean Beach clothing boutique Temptress Fashion.

Specializing in vintage-inspired fashion, the store opened on Bacon Street in 2005 when space became available adjacent to Spotless Digital, the recording studio of her husband, Brian. On June 25, Temptress Fashion will celebrate its sixth anniversary with a 3 p.m. performance from the Lady Luck Revue as part of the Ocean Beach Street Fair.

The store stocks all manner of cool retro-styled clothing for both men and women, pin-up art, and shoes perfect for the rock 'n' roll aficionado or Betty Page fan, as well as musicians' accessories like guitar straps. The store is working on its own lingerie line for release later this year.

Meanwhile, for men, "We try to offer things that a rock-a-billy fan or maybe someone who rides a motorcycle might enjoy" she said.

Walsh proudly stocks local designers and American-made goods, and said she is happy to special-order items.

The Lady Luck Revue, dedicated to the sounds of New Orleans, is the Temptress Fashion house band, playing events in the area at venues like Winston's and Gallagher's, complete with fashion shows and dancers, to promote the store.

"We do events that are themes and we work with dancers like the Caburlesque Kittens." she said.

There are also unique extras like looka-like contests and pillow fights to make each gig a true event.

"We work hard to make these shows something special, not just a typical music concert, but more of a show," Walsh said. "Our goal is to do more music events to promote the store and take it to more venues. It's a mix of fashion art and music. We call it 'FAM' — one word — because it's all really connected for us."

She said the combination of band and storefront was not accidental.

"Running the boutique is 24/7," Walsh said.

She adds that the biggest drawback to the shop has been the lack of time to use her musical skills.

"I know if I don't do it [perform], I feel empty," she said. "We have small children and it's hard. We were finding that we were not making time for music, even just to keep our chops up. And it was making us miserable. So my husband and I decided, as much as we love the store, we also want to nurture our music and where our passion is. So, we decided to tie it together. Why not?"

While Walsh could have located a shop anywhere in San Diego, she said Ocean Beach is the perfect location.

"We have a clientele from eight to eighty," she said. "The town is so eclectic, with wonderful people from the locals to the tourists. The networking possibilities are endless."



Janet Walsh, right, is a vocalist with groups like the Corvelles, shown above, and owner of Temptress Boutique on Bacon Street in Ocean Beach.

1999 with a background in voiceover

"I was from all over. I was an Army brat," Walsh said.

She said she's thrilled with the move. "I wouldn't move back to Texas for a

"I wouldn't move back to Texas for a million bucks," she said. "I love San Diego too much. We're very lucky. We have a really wonderful community that's very supportive."

She said the support is more important than ever.

"Since the economy went down, it's been a real struggle to survive," Walsh said. "So it's nice that we're in a place that supports mom-and-pop-type businesses."

Temptress Fashion is located at 1918 Bacon St. Visit temptressfashion.blogspot.com.

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# The Beacon's 17th annual Amateur Photo Contest is back! Enter your best photo portraying the Peninsula area taken in the past year. Photos will be displayed at The Peninsula Beacon booth dur-

taken in the past year. Photos will be displayed at *The Peninsula Beacon* booth during the Ocean Beach Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, June 25.

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

Prizes will be awarded for the top three photos, which will be also be published in *The Peninsula Beacon* the edition following the street fair.

Only photos taken between June 2010 and June 2010 may be entered.

#### **CONTEST RULES**

• Photos must be taken by an amateur photographer and must have been shot in the 92106 or 92107 ZIP codes between June 2010 and today. Possible locations include Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Shelter Island, Loma Portal or Sports Arena/Midway. The subjects of eligible photos may include anything in the area suitable for public viewing.

• Please do not e-mail photos, but mail them to: *The Peninsula Beacon*, Attn: Photo Contest, 1621 Grand Ave., Suite C, San Diego, CA 92109.

• Retouched, photoshopped or computer-enhanced photos will NOT be accepted.

• Color or black-and-white prints are eligible. Slides are not allowed. Entries should be no larger than 8 by 10 inches and no smaller than 3 by 5 inches. Please don't send a photo in a frame.

• Only **ONE** entry per photographer is allowed.

 $\bullet \ A mateur \ photographers \ only, \ please.$ 

 Please include photographer's name, address, phone number, date the photo was taken and a brief description of the subject.

• The safe return of entries is not guaranteed. Remember, these photos will be mounted for public display — expect some

wear and tear.
Photos may be picked up at *The Beacon* office beginning Tuesday, June 28.



Last year's winning photo is a prime example of entries for *The Peninsula Beacon's* 17th annual Amateur Photo Contest. Entries are due before Tuesday, June 21. Last year's winning shot, above, was this color-splashed sunset shot at low tide north of the Ocean Beach Pier submitted by Heather Monaghan.



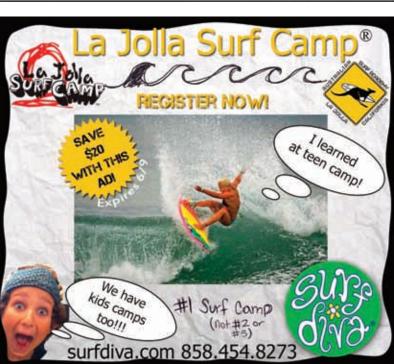


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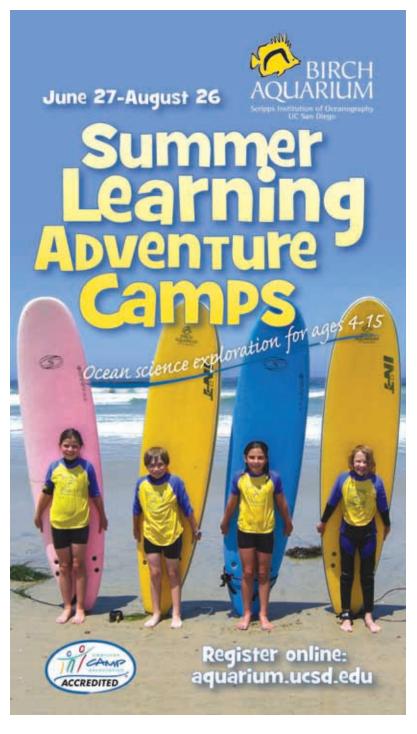
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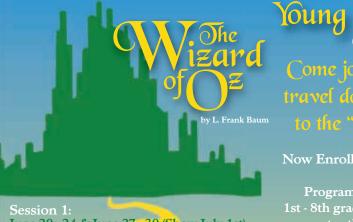
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#### After brilliant year, Pointers' tennis post-season comes to abrupt end

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Point Loma High School (PLHS) players dominated Eastern League boys' tennis this season, winning both team and individual titles.

In team matches, the Pointers posted marks of 16-3 overall and 12-1 in league. After tying with Serra for the league title, the Pointers dispatched the Conquistadors 12-6 in a tie-breaking match played at neutral Barnes Tennis

Following the match, PLHS was declared league champion and awarded a No. 5 seed and first-round home match in CIF team playoffs last month.

The Pointers devastated San Marcos 16-2 in that home match at Peninsula Tennis Center.

The next day, however, the team traveled to No. 3 seed Steele Canvon, where the team's post-season was ended in a 10-8 loss.

Fiery top Pointer singles player Dominic Gareri and the No. 1 doubles team of sophomores Avery Cramer and Kasey Dring swept their matches with mixed results from the No. 2 players.

The Cougars, however, swept the Pointers in No. 3 singles and doubles to escape with the victory.

Later in Eastern League individual competition, Gareri ended up playing teammate Axel Cramer for the singles title. After Cramer took the first set by a 6-1 margin, Gareri prevailed in the next two sets by scores of 7-5 and 7-6. The two friends battled for nearly three hours, leaving both exhausted.

Teammate Alec Deryckere reached the singles consolation finals before losing to an opponent from Serra.

In doubles, Avery Cramer and Dring upset the No. 1 seeded Serra team by scores of 6-2, 6-2. For Cramer, this marks his second consecutive league Yacht and Country Club in Virginia, the American consideration.



Pointers sophomores Avery Cramer, left, and Kasey Dring celebrate their Eastern League doubles championship title. Teammate Dominic Gareri won the singles title for the league champion Pointers.

title after teaming last year with racing course was hampered by periods Nathaniel Johnson.

Finally, in CIF individual play, Gareri and Axel Cramer won first-round matches but Deryckere lost his match to an opponent from La Jolla Contry Day.

Gareri's season then came to an end when a Francis Parker player defeated him 3-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Axel Cramer lost to a Westview player by scores of 6-4, 6-3.

In doubles, Avery Cramer and Dring dropped their match to an experienced Rancho Bernardo pair to close out the season.

#### **SAILING**

The Pointers lost their national team championship in a Baker Cup event last month that left many participants feeling frustrated.

Hosted May 20-22 by the Norfolk

of calm winds that forced postponement and/or cancellation of some races.

The official Day 2 event chart shows 24 blank results for scheduled races. Six of these involved Point Loma.

Because of already-scheduled return flights, results of the limited races were declared final on Sunday afternoon.

The Pointers finished fourth of the 12 schools who qualified for the event.

First place went to Tabor Academy, a private prep school in Marion, Mass. Second place went to Newport Harbor High School, while third place was awarded to The Hotchkiss School, another private prep school in Lakeville, Conn.

#### **BOYS' SWIMMING**

Freshman sensation Jason O'Brien recorded a 500M freestyle time of 4:31.85. The mark qualifies him for All-

SAN DIEGO



Point Loma's Connor Baits goes underneath the catcher's attempted tag at home plate to score the Pointers' second run during a 6-3 CIF playoff loss to Scripps Ranch last week.

## **PLHS stumbles in first-round** game but CIF hopes not lost

BY SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Down to its final three outs in a CIF Division II play-in-round game against San Marcos last week at David Wells Field, Point Loma High School's (PLHS) baseball team needed someone to step up and prevent an early Pointer exit from postseason play.

As it turns out, several players did.

Trailing 4-3 in the home seventh inning, Kellen Urbon stirred hope with a single. After Campbell Wear flied out to center, clean-up hitter Jackson Leslie's double sent Urbon home to tie the game. Sergio Guerra then drew a walk.

 $Sophomore\,shortstop\,Justin\,Baker\,then$ lined a 1-1 count pitch down the first base line, and a desperate throw from the Knights' right fielder eluded his catcher as Leslie sprinted across the plate for a thrilling 5-4 Pointer win.

Baker's walk-off single sent his teammates into a celebratory frenzy as dejected Knights players walked off the field. their season finished (12-17 overall, 6-9 Avocado East league).

Urbon, who took over on the mound

from starter Connor Baits, pitched a scoreless seventh inning to gain credit for the

The next afternoon saw the Pointers traveling to Scripps Ranch to face the Falcons in a first-round game.

Urbon started the game and was touched for eight hits while going the distance. He walked two and struck out five Falcons as the hosts used a four-run second inning to claim a 6-3 victory.

The Pointers also had eight hits, all singles. Three runs came in a fifth-inning rally, closing the gap to 5-3 before the Falcons added an insurance run in the bottom of the frame.

The Pointers (15-14 overall, 8-3 in Western League) were scheduled to face Valhalla (13-17 overall, 7-8 in Grossmont-Hills league) in an elimination game May 27. The teams had met previously in April, with the Pointers claiming a 5-2 Lions Tournament victory.

Besides Urbon, Wear, and Guerra, other seniors on this season's team include Carlo Rodriguez, Dylan Ruth, Max Sorenson, Cody Harvey and Dylan Morris.

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## Softball squad stays scrappy, but comes up short in CIF bid

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

It was a first-round CIF playoff game in Bonita at 1 p.m. That meant rushing home and getting ready for senior prom by 5 p.m. for the Point Loma High School (PLHS) girls' softball team.

The schedule couldn't have been much worse for the quartet of PLHS seniors — and the scoreboard reflected their dilemma.

Down 6-0 after two innings and 9-0 after four, the Lady Pointers were exiting the Bonita Vista parking lot before 2 p.m. after a 10-1 thrashing. Jenna Vargas drove in the lone Pointers run with a fifth-inning single.

The Barons (34-1 overall, 9-1 in Mesa League) are ranked fourth in California and went on to play for the CIF Championship May 28.

Still, hope was not lost. Other playoff results were much more favorable for the Pointers (23-9 overall, 8-2 Western League) as they defeated Southwest (El Centro) 2-1 at home. Vargas (single) and Katie McEachern (double) drove in the Pointer runs in the fifth inning for the

Southwest's pitcher issued five walks to go with seven Pointer hits.

Following the Bonita Vista game, the Pointers eliminated Scripps Ranch, also by a 2-1 score May 24.

This win sent the ladies into a fourthround elimination game on May 26 against Westview (13-13 overall, 3-7 in



Top-ranked Pointers pitcher Ashley Nelson delivers the softball to a Bonita Vista hitter during her team's 10-1 CIF first-round playoff loss to the Barons just hours before Point Photo by Scott Hopkins I The Beacon Loma High's prom.

Palomar League). After ousting the Wolverines by a 6-2 margin, the Lady Pointers were required to play a second game at 7:30 p.m. against West Hills.

In a tense battle, the Pointers came up one run short, dropping a 2-1 nailbiter to the Wolf Pack.

The four Lady Pointer seniors finishing their prep careers are Ashley Nelson, Justine Otsuka, Jill Duran and Cora



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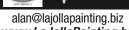
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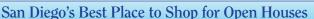
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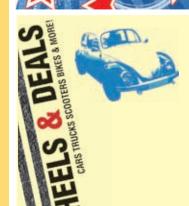
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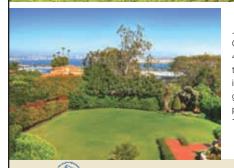
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