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MARCHING INTO THE FUTURE

Point Loma High School graduate Sergio Guerra Jr. reacts to hearing his name over the stadium speakers during the school's commencement ceremony June 10. About 440 young scholars received their diplomas with the class of 2011. Photos by Scott Hopkins I The Beacon

Point Loma High graduates fix eyes on the horizon

he sun had trouble pushing through thick clouds over Point Loma High School's graduation ceremony on June 10, but the beaming smiles of over 400 members of the class of 2011 provided the missing rays.

The first groups of parents and relatives showed up long before the gates to Pete Ross Stadium were opened at 2 p.m., an hour before the first notes of "Pomp and Circumstance" brought a cheer from the throng. With that, a lengthy procession of maroon-gowned graduates began their long-awaited walk from the school's gymnasium before passing under a flowered arch to the rows of white chairs on Bennie Edens Field.

And by the time Associated Student Body president Justine Otsuka welcomed thousands of spectators, hundreds in the overflow crowd had begun taking up positions on the field as the old concrete stadium reached capacity.

The program moved quickly as plaques were presented to valedictorian Justo Caballero and Salutatorians Stephanie Navarro and Hannah Robertson, each wearing a white gown. Their families watched intently from reserved seats

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Right, graduating senior Oscar Melendez, who has cerebral palsy, received the loudest ovation of the day when he was ed onto the stage by school Athletic Director John Murphy during the commencement ceremony at Bennie Edens Field. Left, this graduate's smile speaks volumes and echoes the sentiments of many of her classmates as she steps forward to receive her diploma June 10. More salutes to the graduates of PLHS and their accomplishments on pages 3 and 6.

U.S. dominates Etchells World Championship off Point Loma

By STAFF AND CONTRIBUTION | THE BEACON

American sailors crushed the international competition in the six-day 2011 Etchells World Championship off the shores of Point Loma, with 12 of the top 15 finishers hailing from the USA.

Skipper Bill Hardesty skillfully claimed first-place honors, followed by Australian skipper Noel Drennan and, respectively, Americans Vincent Brun, Chris Busch, Don Jesberg and Dennis Connor.

In all, 83 entries competed in the championships from 11 different coun-

On the final day of racing on Saturday – when the championship had already been sealed by Hardesty and his crew in USA 979, the first-place Americans

respectfully declined to race and watched the action from a spectator boat. But while first place was in the bag, many other outcomes of the regatta were still up for grabs, including a three-point spread between Drennan and Brun, who hails from Point Loma's San Diego Yacht

Brun and crew started the regatta with four top-four finishes, but their momentum slowed with finishes of seven, 14 and nine leading up to the final race. Meanwhile, Drennan threw out a Day One finish of 21st place and finished in the top nine in every race following.

Another close match was for the sixththrough tenth-place finishers. On Friday,

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American skipper Vincent Brun and crew fought it out for second place on June 11 at the 2011 Etchells World Championship off the shores of Point Loma. They were nudged out by Australian Noel Drennan. American skipper Bill Hardesty had already claimed first place before the final day of racing on Saturday.

Bitter lease dispute muddies future of the historic Plunge

By DEBBIE HATCH | THE BEACON

Tom Lochtefeld, owner of the Wave House Athletic Club, Sound Wave and the master lease holder who operates the Plunge at Belmont Park, has found himself in a leasing stalemate with the cityand neither side seems to have a solution to reopen the historic swimming pool built in 1925.

The Plunge has been closed since May 26 and there are no indications the pool will reopen anytime soon.

"The city provided me with official notice that they are requesting that the bankruptcy court terminate the extension of stay [that would allow the Plunge

to continue operating under previous leasing terms]," Lochtefeld said. "The city is no longer willing to negotiate."

Lochtefeld, who had been paying \$70,000 annually since signing his lease agreement with the city in 2002, has apparently run out of rent credits and is now subject to new terms of \$480,000

Lochtefeld filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in November to force a rene gotiation with the city.

On the flip side, city officials have said Lochtefeld signed the 2002 lease with an understanding of the higher lease rate

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The Beacon's annual photo contest returns

The Peninsula 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 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!

The top three photo will be also be published in the June 30 Peninsula Beacon.

First place earns a one-night stay at hotel Indigo, plus a \$50 gift certificate to Solare Italian restaurant.

Second place earns a \$100 gift certificate to Nicks at the Pier, while third place earns a \$50 gift certificate to Solare.

Only photos taken between June 2010 and June 2011 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



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.

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
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- Only ONE entry per photographer is allowed
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- Please include photographer's name, address, phone number, date the photo was taken and a brief description of the
- 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.

Be sure to visit The Beacon booth at the OB Street Fair!

As long as you're visiting the Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival on Saturday, June 25, come by and check out The Peninsula Beacon's booth and say hello!

This is the time of year we set up shop along Newport Avenue and host our very popular annual Amateur Photo Contest. Swing by and vote for your favorite. The top three winning photos will be published in *The Peninsu*la Beacon, so your vote counts!

All of the photos were taken in the Ocean Beach, Shelter Island, Point Loma, La Portal and Sports Arena/ Midway area by local residents.

It's also your chance to share thoughts and comments with the Beacon staff.

"The OB Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival is one of those rare opportunities we have to really mingle with readers informally one-on-one in the heart of Ocean Beach," said Beacon editor Kevin McKay. "We love the feedback. It's really important to us in our effort to be a mirror of this community. Our whole mission is to focus on those stories and tidbits readers can't get anywhere else. So as you mosey down Newport Avenue, drop by and



Beacon advertising representative Mike Fahey helps keep the photo contest board running smoothly at the Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off.

Courtesy photo by Becca Saffran

tell us what you think."

Our special street fair edition will be delivered to homes and newsracks on June 23, and more will be available at our booth on June 25 to help you navigate your way around the festival and find all those cool things that make this such a great event.

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POINT LOMA HIGH 2011: LOOKING BACK

Senior Nina Kuhr runs a sweep play during the annual Powder Puff football match on June 1 at Point Loma High as Cora Trofy attempts to block junior Lily Edwards. Behind touchdowns by Kuhr and Carly Holly, seniors outscored the juniors 12-6. Megan O'Beirne scored on a long run for the juniors in the final minute of play. Photos by Scott Hopkins I The Beacon



Point Loma High Principal Bobbie Samilson and a graduating senior are all smiles as diplomas are distributed at Ithe June 10 commencement ceremony.



Jacqueline Kelleher, left, and Martin Gelenter were named Outstanding Citizens of the Point Loma High School Class of 2011 during senior awards earlier this month. Each was also among a total of 195 students named as recipients of 93 different scholarships from various sources. Eleven academic departments also honored 120 seniors for their accomplishments. Several graduating students received multiple scholarships and awards.

Pointer Assoc. doles out \$40,000 to meet school's unfunded needs

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

The parent organization at Point Loma High School (PLHS) has announced more than \$40,000 in financial awards for educational purposes to staff members at the school.

Proposals were submitted by teachers and others at the school and reviewed by members of the Pointer Association.

"This is the culmination of our fundraising efforts and brings the Pointer Association's contributions this year to \$65,000," said Kevin O'Beirne, the association's president. "We appreciate everyone who contributed time, effort and financial support."

O'Beirne identified the following projects that were approved for financial award from the Pointer Association:

- Books for every English teacher
- Textbooks for advanced placement art history
- An editorial assistant for www.pointernews.com, the online student newspaper
- Furniture for the library

• Locker room

attendants

- Video and music production equipment
- Support for the history department
- Support for the NJROTC program
- Lab equipment for the science
- Books for the **seminar program**
- A sound system for the dance
- team Instruments and sheet music for the music program
- Funding for student planner **books** • Support for the **organic** garden on campus
 - Textbooks for AP

statistics

• Paint and supplies for the art department

NOTE: The Pointer Association's mission is to develop and provide resources for enhancing the educational environment of PLHS, to connect alumni and to maximize interaction between alumni, parents, students, staff and others who care about PLHS with a goal of building Pointer Pride for generations past, present and

Customs agents seize recreational boat with 165 pounds of pot

U.S. Customs and Border Protection false floor. An agent with a narcotics-(CBP) marine interdiction agents stopped a smuggling-at-sea attempt recently, seizing about 165 pounds of marijuana hidden aboard a recreational boat towed into Shelter Island.

At about 10 p.m. on May 22, a disabled vessel called for towing assistance at sea from a local company. Agents on a CBP interceptor boat, together with U.S. Coast Guard personnel on a USCG patrol vessel located the disabled vessel as it was being towed, and followed it to the dock at the Shelter Island boat ramp.

Once at the boat ramp, agents boarded the disabled vessel, described as a 1991 Bayliner personal recreational boat, and detected that the boat had a

detection dog was requested at the dock and responded to screen the boat. The canine alerted agents to a false floor, under which investigators discovered the marijuana in cellophanewrapped bundles, worth an estimated

CBP agents seized the vessel and narcotics, as well as the truck and trailer that were used to transport the boat. Agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Marine Task Force took custody of the two men on board, who will face criminal prosecu-

Investigators said the men are both Mexican nationals, age 28 and 36.

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NEWS*briefs*Nimitz Blvd. crash leaves two seriously hurt

Investigators with the San Diego Police Department are probing a June 12 traffic collision on Nimitz Boulevard that left two people seriously hurt in a rear-end collision shortly after 8 p.m.

Police said a Toyota Sienna driven by a 70-year-old driver with a 50year-old passenger was just beginning to accelerate after stopping for a red light when it was hit from behind by a Honda Civic driven by a 19-year-old with a 15-year-old passenger at a high rate of speed.

Police said the driver of the Honda suffered major head injuries and his passenger suffered a compound fracture to his leg, as well as head and chest injuries.

According to investigators, speed and alcohol are believe to have contributed to the accident.



Makua President Maria Herman and Sharon Lawrence, CEO for Voices For Children, celebrate a milestone for funds raised by Makua since 2004 in support of the Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program. The \$1 million announcement was made at Makua's 58th annual fundraiser "Jamaica Me Crazy!" at Humphreys by the Bay on May 21.

Makua raises \$1million for city's foster children

Members of the Point Loma-based Makua organization met their cumu-

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lative fundraising goal of \$1 million to aid the Voices for Children program during the 58th annual "Jamaica Me Crazy!" event held May 21 at Humphreys by the Bay on Shelter Island.

The gala was filled with Jamaican decor, vibes and music and brought the opportunity to join in celebrating the landmark fundraising achievement.

Makua's members have been raising money in support of children in the foster-care system through Voices for Children (VFC) since 2004.

VFC provides advocacy and mentoring services to foster children through court-appointed special advocates (CASAs).

The special guest speaker for the evening was the adoptive mother of four children.

Each of her children had been a foster child. She related the opportunity provided by the CASAs to make it viable for her to adopt the children from the foster-care system and build her family.

"The live program was touching for so many of us at the event," said Maria Herman, Makua president and event chairwoman. "We can hear and see how the funds we help to provide are changing lives."

To learn more about Makua or the CASA program, visit www.makua.org. For more information about Voices for Children, visit www.speakupnow.org.

Beacon writer among six volunteers feted by PLHS

Six community members were honored for their volunteer service to Point Loma High School (PLHS), while a staff member was also recognized for his professional contributions.

During a June 6 luncheon, the Pointer Association presented certificates, commemorative pins and decorative plants to volunteers who "have provided outstanding service to the students and community of PLHS."

Receiving volunteer awards were Amy Denney, Lucy DeVito, Lisa Stapleton, Tania Swain, school librarian Sarah Sine and Peninsula Beacon writer/photographer Scott Hopkins.

PLHS principal Bobbie Samilson also honored art teacher Sean Wells, naming him winner of the annual Wrennie Sponsel Award.

The award honors a teacher new to PLHS (one to three years) who has exhibited excellent teaching skills and has been involved with students in extracurricular activities.



Savacool Secviar Brand Communications of Point Loma redesigned the logo of the NCAA Mountain West Conference.

Ad group redesigns NCAA MW Conference logo

Point Loma-based Savacool Secviar Brand Communications became the focus of the NCAA Mountain West Conference on June 6 after the local ad guys unveiled a redesigned logo for the intercollegiate athletics organization.

Savacool Secviar was brought in by Loma Media for the project.

"We were excited on so many levels ..." said Mike Savacool, the company's creative director.

"This was a great opportunity for us to help promote a truly meaningful organization, as both fans of college sports and as art directors."

The Mountain West Conference (MWC) formed in 1999 to form a new NCAA Division IA intercollegiate athletic conference. Now in its 12th year, the MWC continues to cultivate opportunities for student-athletes to compete at the highest level, while fostering academic achievement, sportsmanship and the missions of its member institutions.

MWC members include Air Force,

Boise State, Colorado State, New Mexico, San Diego State, TCU, UNLV, and Wvoming.

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Sunrise plans merger with AmericanWest Bank

AmericanWest Bank and Sunrise Bank announced their planned merger this month with an affiliate of AmericanWest Bank, pending regulatory and shareholder approval.

In December 2010, SKBHC Holdings LLC acquired AmericanWest Bank and immediately infused \$185 million of new capital into the bank. With an additional \$500 million in funding commitments available through SKBHC, AmericanWest is focused on growing both organically and through acquisitions. Sunrise Bank's four offices in Point Loma, Escondido, Palm Desert and San Diego provide AmericanWest with an entry into California.

"We are excited to be joining a team that truly values community banking just as we do, and provides the strength and stability that will support our future growth," said Scott R. Andrews, chairman & CEO of Sunrise Bank.

"As a part of AmericanWest Bank, we can offer our customers increased lending capabilities, expanded products and services and additional benefits inherent with being a well-capitalized bank," he said.

AmericanWest Bank had total assets of \$1.6 billion and deposits of

\$1.4 billion as of March 31, 2011. Sunrise Bank had total assets of \$232 million and total deposits of \$212 million as of the same date.

The transaction is structured as a merger of Sunrise Bank with a newly-formed affiliate of AmericanWest Bank pursuant to which all of the outstanding shares of Sunrise Bank will be converted into \$4.31 per share in cash, or a total transaction consideration of about \$18.5 million.

The merger is expected to close in the third quarter.

MOAA to host booth to help troops call home

The Military Officers' Association of America's (MOAA) Auxiliary is launching a national project to turn old cell phones into prepaid phone cards so deployed servicemembers can stay connected with their families back home.

Locally, the auxiliary will host a booth at the Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, June 25.

To a military family, a phone call home is priceless, according to organizers. The Armed Forces Services Exchange operates telephone call centers in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and other countries and aboard ships, but calls are expensive.

Cell Phones for Soldiers is a national nonprofit organization that recycles old cell phones, and in return provides fighting forces with prepaid phone cards to call home.

Residents can donate old cell phones by dropping them off at the Point Loma Democratic Club's booth at the street fair.

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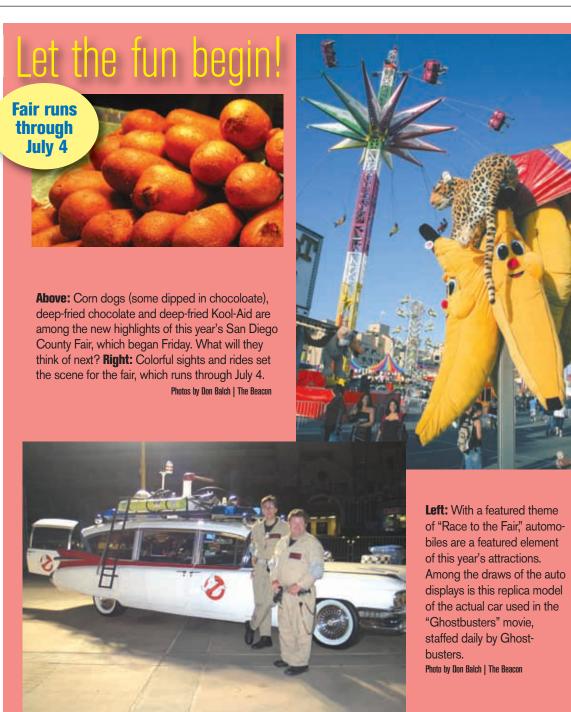
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USA 946 Craig Healy won the race by over a minute to move up to sixth, leading AUS 1278 Michael John Hiatt by four points, Conner by five, USA 1152 Keith Whittemore by 11, and USA 1375 Argyle Campbell by 13.

The final race day on Saturday began with lighter winds from a 220-250 axis as the fleet arrived in the racing area. The boats competing for top five finishes were not in the first group of boats around the weather mark, as USA 794 Steve Pacelli, Conner, BER 1392 Mark Watson, USA 935 Dave Ullman and Whittemore rounded first. USA 969 Chris Busch was 18th around the first mark, Drennan was 24th and Brun was 32nd.

Whittemore became the star of Race 9. Whittemore and crew took the lead on the second upwind leg, leading secondplace Conner by a few boat lengths. Conner touched the mark during the rounding, and did his penalty turn as a few boats passed him by.

Meanwhile, Whittemore took off and added a full 1:13 lead over the pack at the next mark and cruised to the Race 9 victory with a 1:40 advantage over second place.

Back at the second windward mark, the overall race for second place in the (619) 221-8400 or (619) 955-7646.

regatta came to a head. Brun rounded just after Drennan and had a downwind/upwind sequence left to try to make up the three-point deficit. After the downwind leg, Drennan had a three boat lead, rounded the left gate and continued left up the course. Hoping the right side would pay off, Brun rounded and headed up the right side of the course. As the fleet converged at the top of the course, Drennan finished eighth with Brun in 25th (throw-out score). Second place in the regatta would belong to Drennan, who previously finished third in the 1997Etchells Worlds in Hong Kong.

USA 904 Will Stout, who won Race 6 made consistent progress through the field and was able to finish second in the race, moving up to 12th overall in the regatta. Busch finished sixth in Race 9 and claimed fourth place in the champi-

USA 666 Don Jesberg, who finished the regatta with 18th place finishes on Friday and Saturday, was fifth place in the Championship as the top Corinthian (non-professional) team. Past champion and sailing icon Dennis Conner and crew were fifth on Saturday and sixth overall.

The 2011 Etchells World Championship was hosted by the San Diego Yacht Club from June 6-11.

For more information, visit www.etchellsworlds2011.com, or call

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later, and maintain he is now trying to change the terms after the fact.

The reality, Lochtefeld said, is that his only options are to either accept the new terms of the higher lease or to reject them. If he accepts, Lochtefeld will also have to pay nearly \$500,000 in back rent, which began accumulating in June

On July 1, the bankruptcy case and leasing feud will go to court to determine whether the bank will take over the lease.

"I will not accept the lease," Lochte-

Ahead of that court date, Lochtefeld appeared June 9 before the judge, who was seeking an update on negotiations between the city and Lochtefeld.

"The logic was to negotiate," Lochtefeld said. "The city refuses to negotiate."

District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer, whose district covers Pacific Beach and Mission Beach, was unavailable for comment, according to staffers.

"There's not a lot [Faulconer] can publically do and say because this matter is in bankruptcy court," said Tony Manolatos, Faulconer's deputy chief of staff.

Faulconer wants to make sure the Plunge is able to remain open, but also wants to make sure that the community is fairly represented, Manolatos said.

"Kevin's priority is obviously to make sure that the city taxpayers are being to live up to my end," Lochtefeld said.

protected," Manolatos said.

The "fifth operating memorandum" is the document at the center of the leasing stalemate. It was adopted on June 26, 2000.

According to the document, after the rent credits from previous enhancements to the Plunge and Belmont Park ran out, Lochtefeld could accrue further rent credits if he were to make improvements to the structure and adding parking, Lochtefeld said.

Byron Wear was the District 2 City Councilman from 1995-2002 at the time the document was adopted. He recalls the revitalization that took place at Belmont Park with the introduction of the Wave House owned by Lochtefeld – where Cane's Bar and Grill operated previously. It attracted a new athletic crowd to the area, Byron said.

Lochtefeld said he was under the impression that if he came up with an economically viable plan to maintain and improve Belmont Park, he would continue to receive future rent credits, even after the initial rent credits expired

In 2006, he introduced to the city a plan to build a hotel, additional parking and attractions to increase revenues. But Lochtefeld said his plan was denied by the city in 2008, which meant that if no improvements were made, there would be no future rent credits.

"If the city will live up to the terms of the deal that was struck, then I'd be glad



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School trustees, step up to the plate for music

Dear San Diego Unified District School Board:

I want to share with you a day in the life of a band parent. Last night, ten parents met to discuss Rhapsody on the Point, the biggest fundraiser for the Point Loma High School Instrumental Music program. Committee members have collected over \$30,000 in silent auction and raffle items alone - and we're excited to have a new venue this year — Humphrey's by the Bay. Now, we're worried about filling seats for a program primarily supported by already tapped-out parents.

As band boosters, we're responsible for ensuring the success of the program by raising money — more than \$70,000 per year — and, due to one overzealous lawyer, can no longer ask parents for direct donations. We've held bake sales, restaurant nights, play-a-thons, a flapjack fundraiser, sold event tickets, sold SCRIP — the list goes on.

Why am I telling you this? Because all of this planning and fundraising is happening while our band director, James Sepulvado, has a pink slip dangling over his head.

Eight years ago, our students showed up to summer band camp and there was no teacher to lead them. Undaunted, the student leaders made it happen anyway, and the school scrambled to hire a director.

We got [a director] for one year, followed by another director who stayed for four years. The program was growing. Three years ago, we lost the second band director, and his replacement stayed for a year. Thankfully, James Sepulvado was the assistant band director for that year, and we have been thankful to have him as our director ever since.

After dipping, the program is growing again. James has forged alliances with our other cluster music programs at Dana Middle School and Correia Junior High – and for the first time in a long while - there has been continuity. Add to that the craziness that we're

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getting a brand new music center next year — with absolutely no certainty of an experienced teacher to shepherd it.

Our principal tells us not to worry, that there are plenty of qualified music education teachers from the elementary school ranks. Do they know anything about marching band? Have they ever worked with high school students? What's most important — we would be starting all over again - losing momentum, losing the continuity we've created.

I strongly urge you to look hard at the impact of losing James Sepulvado at PLHS, and, of course, at the loss of music education at the elementary schools. How are we to foster a love of music if it doesn't begin at the elementary school level? How are we to feed music programs at the Middle School and High School levels?

Please, do your best to make this right.

Kerri De Rosier Incoming President, Point Loma High School Instrumental Music

Murdered, respected mechanic memorialized

Just to let you know, a memorial plague was installed last Sunday in the tree basin on Rosecrans Street in front of Joe's Auto Repair [who was murdered April 19 at the business location in the 1900 block of Rosecrans Street 1.

The tree basin is being reworked and planting will be completed in the next few weeks. Joe was a good friend to the Point Loma community and is dearly missed. A memorial service is planned after the site is completed.

For those who would like to help with the planting or make a contribution to the memorial plaque, they can contact me at (619) 224-2042, or by email at jimso-cas@att.net.

Jim Southerland Point Loma

Beacon lauded for Empty **Bowls event coverage**

Dear Peninsula Beacon,

Please accept our appreciation for a great article by Josh Seligman who wrote about our Empty Bowls event ("Filling bowls will help fill needs of the hungry," June 2 Beacon, page

We received an incredible amount of [interest because of] the article. As we were setting up on Saturday, folks who read the article came and then on Sunday — the day of our event — we had lots of folks who saw the article and came out to support it.

Please extend our thanks to Josh and to the Peninsula Beacon staff for the timely coverage of our event at St. Peters by the Sea on Sunday, June 5.

What was evident to us was that the community reads your newspaper and supports the local causes. Thank you so very much.

My very best to you and to all at the San Diego Community Newspaper

Giovanna laffaldano Empty Bowls publicity coordinator



Navarro and Hannah Robertson spot familiar faces in the overflow crowd before the graduation ceremony for Point Loma High School on June 10. Photo by Scott Hopkins I The Beacon

THE PLHS CLASS OF 2011: OFF TO THE GREAT BEYOND

After their graduation June 10, more than 400 Southwestern College – 11 young men and women from Point Loma High will scatter in different directions across the United States as they enter the next phase of

Many will be continuing their education at colleaes and universities, while others will enter the military or workforce.

Here is a look at the most-popularly chosen post-high school paths:

• University of California – 43 students UC Berkeley - 10 UC Santa Barbara - 10 UC Santa Cruz - 7

• California state universities - 64 students

San Diego State University - 26 Humboldt State University - 9 Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo – 8

• Community colleges – 147 students Mesa College - 90 San Diego City College - 24

California private universities – 35

students Point Loma Nazarene University - 14 Art Institute of California - 4 Claremont McKenna, Stanford, University of

Southern California – 2 each • Out-of-state colleges, universities – 42 students

Arizona State University - 2 Boise State University - 2 New Mexico State University - 2 Northern Arizona University – 2 U.S. Merchant Marine Academy - 2 University of Oregon - 2

· Private beauty, technical, business schools - 6 students

· Military, workforce or undecided -93 students

- Source: PLHS Counseling Department

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in the first rows of hundreds of chairs positioned on the school's track in front of the raised podium.

Caballero's speech urged his classmates to take on the challenges that lie ahead of them and thanked PLHS staff members for their work.

Principal Bobbie Samilson asked the graduates to stand and applaud their families before presenting the class to San Diego Unified School District Board of Education trustee Scott Barnett for acceptance. Barnett then directed diploma presentations to begin.

And then, one by one, school counselors called the students' names and they stepped forward. Some appeared nervous, most smiled and others raised arms in celebration. They received small black folders from Samilson before turning to face a photographer, who record-

ed the moment.

The loudest applause was drawn by Oscar Melendez, afflicted with cerebral palsy, whose infectious smile and waving arms won the crowd's affection as an assistant pushed his wheelchair up the ramp. Soon, Cynthia Y. Zarza represented the last of the graduates to cross the

Senior Class President Teresa Stroesser led the new graduates in the traditional tassel-turning before inviting them to gather at midfield. Then, on cue, more than 400 flat maroon caps were flung skyward and the crowd swarmed the field. Some 45 minutes later, Samilson was still posing for photos with appreciative celebrants and families.

She said the class of 2011, one of the biggest in recent years, would leave behind another legacy.

"They are really a close group,"



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RIVERS OF HOPE

Center, white shirt: San Diego Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers prepares to lead an estimated 2500 walkers and runners during his second annual 5K Walk and Fun Run at Liberty Station in Point Loma on June 11. The event, hosted by the guarterback's Rivers of Hope Foundation to benefit foster families and children in need, has raised about \$600,000 over the last two years. Rivers appeared at the event with a halfdozen or so fellow players, all of whom posed for shots with participants and signed autographs. For more information, call (858) 836-0133, or visit www.philiprivers5k.com. Photo by im Grant I The Beacon

Homeless residents roll up sleeves to show off community pride

By BIANCA KOCH | THE BEACON

Ocean Beach residents who call the streets their home demonstrated last week they have an interest in a clean city, engaging in a volunteer cleanup campaign around the lifeguard headquarters on Abbott Street and in the 5000 block of Santa Monica Avenue.

The lifeguard station itself stands target to a number of damaging sources: constantly-changing weather conditions and salty air, bird droppings and the work of street artists who leave their signature on the white surfaces of the tower.

Now, with the start of the busy tourist season, a group of longtime locals took it upon itself to brighten jects. up the washed-out colors of the tower by applying a new coat of paint.

With the help and financial donation by local homeowner Eric (who asked that his last name be whithheld) and his dog, Molly, a handful of local homeless residents who participate in an outreach program spent an afternoon priming and painting at the beach.

(Eric) said he takes pride in spending his own time and money for such pro-

Colleen Van Horn

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Homeless Ocean Beach residents, led by local homeowner Eric (last name withheld), center, initiated a cleanup campaign at the lifeguard headquarters and along Santa Monica Avenue last week to show they take pride in their neighborhood. Photo by Rianca Koch I The Reacon

"This is my home," he said.. "I own property here [on Brighton Street]. I like to keep my town clean."

Similar answers came from a young couple which have living now for two years on the streets of OB, as well as other homeless residents like Jeff, Brian and "OB Tommy."

"OB Tommy" was one of the first to offer his help.

"I've lived here in OB for 46 years," he said. "I like my town spotless. It

means a lot to me." Brian also offered his thoughts.

"OB is famous," he said. "Lots of people come to visit. They shouldn't have to see bird matter all over the lifeguard tower.

The work party finished the project in about five hours, applying 17 gallons of paint and primer to bring back a brighter and cleaner look to the Ocean Beach lifeguard tower that will watch over visitors and locals alike during this busy summer.









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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 abandoning 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, you'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

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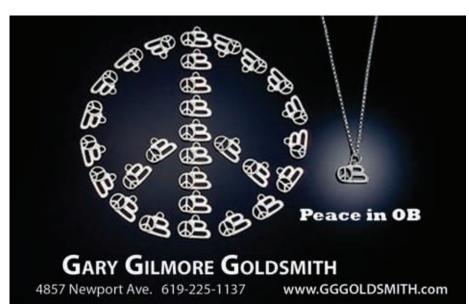




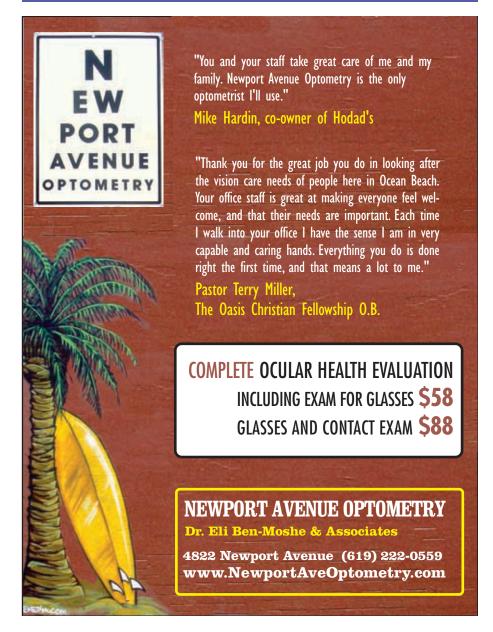


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Podunk Nowhere takes country road to put itself on map

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

Magic is always possible whenever musicians gather, but that especially holds true when the harmonizing involves family.

Such is the case with country-rooted husband/wife duo Johnny and Heather Janiga, better known as Podunk Nowhere, performing at Winston's on June 23.

The North Park pair formed in 2003 following a chance meeting in Ocean Beach, which soon led to romantic involvement and marriage. Since then, Podunk Nowhere has toured the U.S. and released three albums — a self-titled disc issued in 2007, followed by 2008's "Based on a True Story" and their latest, "Stay Warm Hearted," which was released earlier this year.

Johnny Janiga said each of their albums was recorded differently

"Our first record was folky," he said. "We did it in a garage with friends. Our second album, we tried to be more of a band with Alan Sanderson (Fleetwood Mac, Elvis Costello) producing. For this album, we're back to being just being Heather and me."

The two played just about all the instruments except for a few contributions from producer Sven Erik Seaholm. "After eight years (in the studio), we've gotten closer to what I think our sound is," Johnny said.

As might be expected when two people spend their on and off hours together for so long, there has been the occasional friction among the duo with respect to getting their sound just right. But according to Heather Janiga, things have settled down into musical bliss.

"It took about eight years to iron out all the arguments," Heather joked. "At first, there were times that we could barely get through a rehearsal because we'd start fighting. It was very difficult for a while to be so close as a couple and also working on music together. But, especially over the last few years, that's not an issue at all anymore. (Now) we step out of the role of married couple and just write as music partners."

While the two have used guest musicians for shows and recordings, they said they're happy with being a duo for now.

"The reason we don't have a band is that, although we stumbled through several musicians over the years, we never really found the bond that clicked that was as strong as the bond with me and Johnny," Heather said. "We've also played with friends, and what we heard (from others) is that it took away some of the charisma that Johnny and I have on stage together. Because we react a certain way with each other, that's different than when other people are on the stage.'

Neither Janiga rules out the possibility of adding musicians, however.

"I wouldn't say we don't want a band," Heather said. "It's just a matter of finding that 'family' that clicks. [Being in a band] is like being married to two or three more people.

Pending plans for Podunk Nowhere include releasing a fourth album before 2012 and touring this fall.

"We went through a touring binge for a while," Johnny said. "But we've got fulltime jobs right now. So while we can play shows anytime in the area, touring has to be on the side. We plan on taking full advantage of our two-week vacation later this year."

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> JOHNNY JANIGA Podunk Nowhere

Johnny said the best thing about being a part of Podunk Nowhere is "what we've experienced through our music and who we've met."

Meanwhile for Heather, it's all about the artistic statement she's making through their songs.

"What I like is that we've stayed true to the authenticity of our own writing," she

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> HEATHER JANIGA Podunk Nowhere

that our songs aren't necessarily popworthy. They're not the type of songs that you hear on the radio. But that's sort of who we are and we haven't deviated from that, even though that may be what the greater 'masses' may want. It feels good to play our music true to our own voices."

Podunk Nowhere performs at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 23 at Winston's, 1921 www.podunknowhere.com.



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Latin music festival to bring Spanish Harlem to Point Loma

By MANNY LOPEZ | THE BEACON

For many Americans who identify themselves as Puerto Ricans or "Boricuas," the distinction is only a location in their minds. It's a feeling fortified by a diverse ancestry, created in a rich Caribbean milieu and filled with primordial sounds that reflect and inspire their culture.

After a five-year hiatus, the Dia de San Juan Salsa Festival will be held at NTC Liberty Station in Point Loma on Saturday, June 25. Thousands of likeminded San Diegans are expected to attend an event officials characterize as an enlightening family experience centered on music, dancing, food and good times.

"This is a celebration of our culture and way of life" said festival organizer Tommy Rosas. "We want to share our ancestral inheritance with everybody and pass it on for generations to come."

A self-described "Nuyorican," Rosas said he was "created in Puerto Rico, but born in New York City." Raised in the Hunt's Point neighborhood of the south Bronx,

Rosas developed an early love for salsa music, which he called the foundation that binds like glue and motivates a consciousness that makes everyone descendants of the



Latin music and culture will flow at Liberty Station June 25 with the return of the Dia de San Juan Salsa Festival.

island of enchantment.

Featured at this year's festival will be two-time Grammy Award winners Spanish Harlem Orchestra, directed by world-renowned pianist, producer and arranger Oscar Hernandez.

The all-star ensemble includes some of the best musicians from New York and delivers a hard-hitting brand of dance music called "salsa dura," which is composed of lyrics and driving rhythms reminiscent of the time and place in which they were written.

"This is New York salsa in the tradition of the Fania All-Stars, Eddie Palmieri, Tito Puente, Willie Colon, Machito, Richie Ray and Pacheco," said Hernandez. "It doesn't come from Puerto Rico. They have their own sound."

Hernandez is regarded by many as the bearer of the torch when it comes to salsa music. Having been a part of the genre for over 40 years, he's recorded and shared the stage with just about every major act in Latin music, like Ruben Blades, Ray Barreto, Celia Cruz, Tito Puente and others.

For those unfamiliar with the Bronx-born pianist's discography, his fancy finger work can be heard on numerous commercial projects including the introduction to the hit show "Sex and the City."

"It's special to able to mobilize people to get together to acknowledge the many experiences that we share in common," Hernandez said. "There are lots of things that we can be nostalgic about and it's always great to play for people that you can relate to on that level."

Local bandleader Manny Cepeda, a descendant of Rafael Cepeda Atiles, known as the patriarch of a percussion-driven style of African folk music, called "bomba y plena," said salsa music is made for dancing. He called the music an amalgamation made up of many different cultures with the African drum as its central influence.

"It's like being in the womb and hearing the sound of your mother's heart beating," said Cepeda. "There's a primal response that's unlike anything else. It's a great workout that's better than Jenny Craig."

Also performing will be Conjunto Costazul from Los Angeles, the J.D. All-Stars from San Diego and Arieto Borincano, a San Diego-based folkloric music and dance group.

A drum circle will be arranged away from the stage and festival goers are encouraged to bring their drums and other percussive instruments to participate. A family fun zone will be set up for kids. Coolers with food and drinks will be permitted although no bottles or alcoholic beverages will be allowed. A beer-and-wine garden concession will be run by Oggi's Pizza and Brewing Company. Vendor booths with traditional foods, drinks and souvenirs will be on hand.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$30 at the gate. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketweb.com.

More information about the Dia de San Juan Salsa Festival, call (619) 889-7348.









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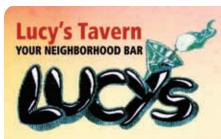
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Coach Posternack plans to step aside

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Players, coaches, families and boosters of the Point Loma High School (PLHS) baseball program celebrated the varsity's best league record in over a decade at an annual banquet last week, as the school's head coach decided to step aside after seven seasons.

Head coach Jon Posternack praised his players for their 8-3 league record, which left the Pointers behind only eventual CIF champion Cathedral Catholic in the Western League standings. Overall, the team finished at .500 (15-15).

The recognition banquet, held on the outdoor terrace at the Bali Hai restaurant on Shelter Island, honored nearly 50 players on the varsity, junior varsity and AAU freshman teams. Appreciative parents applauded the efforts of their sons and nine coaches who work with Polese.

Posternack, with eight years in the program, hopes to continue as an assistant coach. He announced the following awards as voted on by his players: • Rookie of the Year: sophomore

- Justin Baker. • 10th Man Award: junior Brandon
- Keenan. • Teammate of the Year: senior Carlo
- Rodriguez. • Clutch Performer of the Year: senior
- Max Sorenson. • Pitcher of the Year: junior Connor
- Offensive Player of the Year: senior
- Sergio Guerra. • Defensive Player of the Year: Baker.



Pointers baseball player Kellen Urbon, center, received the Coach Delgado Leadership Award at last week's recognition banquet. Coach Mike Delgado, left, and 2010 winner Sean Stepina presented the award. Stepina now plays at San Diego State. Urbon also received the team's Most Valuable Player award.

four-man staff, went to junior Joe

Meanwhile, the Coach Delgado Leadership Award, named for long-time Pointer assistant coach Mike Delgado, was awarded to Urbon. Urbon's numbers at the plate were impressive. He led the team in batting average (.340), runs scored (18) and hits (35).

Other team leaders were Tyler Majofis (six doubles), Guerra (three triples), junior Jackson Leslie (three home runs) and senior Campbell Wear (17 runs batted in).

Lack of run support, though, proved a problem for the team's hurlers, with every starter affected by his teammates' plate struggles.

Urbon, for example, posted a low 2.13 • Most Valuable Player: senior Kellen earned-run average (ERA) and only

issued 10 walks all season, compared to • The Coaches' Award, given by the 70 strikeouts. These numbers were not reflective of his 5-5 win-loss record.

> Baits, with his 93-plus mph fastball, held opposing batters to a miniscule .198 batting average, walking only 11 against 63 strikeouts. He posted an excellent 1.84 ERA, but had only a 4-3 record without offensive support.

> All-Western League first-team honors went to the versatile Wear, who will attend UC Santa Barbara and Urbon, who will enter Cornell University. Both players received scholarships.

> Baits also earned first-team honors and was named league Pitcher of the Year. Posternack said Baits, who will command much attention from professional scouts, has already made a verbal commitment to attend the University of

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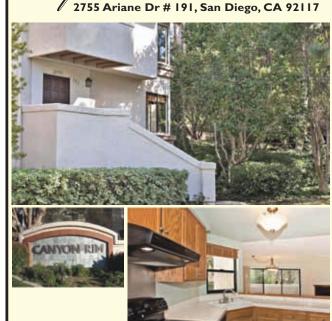


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ciation) Dollars For Scholars Award. This year the recipients for the Dollar For Scholars Award were Kevin Dam, Angelica Gonzales and Meghan Zander.

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BASEBALL

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Guerra earned second-team allleague honors.

Posternack said a number of his players were spoken of highly by opposing coaches, especially the left side of the Pointer infield, with third baseman Tyler Majofis and shortstop Baker, both sophomores. The two totaled only eight errors in 109 fielding chances, a .935

The team's highlight came in a 7-6 win over Cathedral in early May at Dons' only league loss of the season. For return for their junior seasons.

the season, however, the Pointers played below .500 (8-9) on their home turf.

Included in the home losses was a 3-0 shutout by Valhalla on May 27 that ended the team's CIF run in the first

Other coaches in the program are varsity assistants Riley Lillibridge, John Quann and Jake Awrey. Junior varsity head coach Kyle Harvey is assisted by Delgado and Zach Larsen. Freshman coaches were Jeff Solis and Bob Glaze.

Varsity players returning in 2012 will be seniors Ryan Ament, Kap Davis, Andrew Huelga, Keenan, Polese, David Wells Field that was to be the Leslie and Baits. Majofis and Baker will

SPORTS*briefs* **Two Pointers named** to 'Fab 50' list

Two alumni of Point Loma High School were named to a San Diego Hall of Champions "Fab 50" listing of the greatest spring sports prep athletes in local history.

David Wells (class of 1982) was named for his excellence in baseball. The left-handed pitcher had a lengthy professional career — including runs with the Padres and New York Yankees after leading the Pointers to a 1982 CIF baseball title. He is a member of the Hall of Champions Hall of Fame.

The current Pointer baseball field at Dana Middle School was renamed for Wells prior to the 2010 season, and he has pitched in the annual alumni vs. varsity baseball game for the last three years after his professional career ended.

Cathy Yamashiro (1996) made the list for her accomplishments in softball. After leaving PLHS, she went on to star for Indiana State University as a pitcher.

Several others were nominated for the list, including Mike Adamson (1965, baseball). Adamson pitched for the Baltimore Orioles from 1967-69 and is known as the first baseball player ever to go from the professional draft to a major league roster without spending a single day in the minor leagues.

Michelle Collom (year unknown, track), Don Chapman (1963, sport unknown) and Marilyn Peck (1987, sport unknown) were also nominated. - Scott Hopkins

PLHS weight room finally under construction

After a delay of more than a year, construction has begun on a new weight room to serve students at PLHS.

The old weight room, located in a portable classroom, was condemned and ordered torn down, leaving physical education classes and school athletes without a permanent facility in which to work out.

Even after receiving a grant from NASCAR driver Jimmy Johnson's Foundation, the project has been held up by architectural concerns, cost overruns and other issues.

The new building will be located west of the school's stadium bleachers. While it is being built, weight equipment has again been moved to an unprotected outdoor tennis court.

- Scott Hopkins

2011 PLHS football schedule released

The "Fighting Pointers" will be tested by a challenging slate of games before Western League competition begins in October. The schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 2 vs. Orange Glen (away, 7 p.m.)
- Sept. 10 vs. Lincoln (home, 3 p.m., Kickoff Tripleheader)
- Sept. 16 vs. Mt. Miguel (away, 7 p.m.)
- Sept. 23 vs. Scripps Ranch (away, 6:30 p.m.)
- · Sept. 30 vs. Steele Canyon (away, 7 p.m.)
- •Oct. 7 (bye)
- Oct. 14 vs. Hoover (home, 6:30 p.m., Homecoming)
- Oct. 21 vs. La Jolla (home, 3 p.m.) • Oct. 28 vs. Mission Bay (home, 3 p.m.)
- Nov. 4 vs. Madison (away, 6:30 p.m.)
- Nov. 10 vs. Serra (home, 2:30

Note: All home games on Bennie Edens Field at Pete Ross Stadium.

— Scott Hopkins

SWYC to join global **Summer Sailstice June 18**

Southwestern Yacht Club in Point Loma is bringing the global sailing event called Summer Sailstice to San Diego Bay. The event has been held in all 50 U.S. states and 47 countries for the last 10 years. This year, the event will be held June 18 and the start time is up to the skipper of the boat. The goal is to get as many sailors, sailing crews and aspiring sailors on the water as possible.

"It is one of the longest sailing days of the year, so why not spend it on the water with friends and crew to help celebrate," said Linda Blanchard, chairwoman of the Southwestern Yacht Club event. "We are hosting a party after a day of sailing and invite all members, guests and potential members who sail during the event to join us."

Skippers can sign up for free and invite crew and friends for a day on the water. Ultimately, as the sun circles the globe on June 18, sailors will be hoisting their sails and sailing in each time zone.

This international event was founded in 2001. Every year, Summer Sailstice connects over 17,000 sailors all over the world — cruisers, racers and recreational - to celebrate and showcase life under sail. It has expanded to include participants from Asia, across the Americas and Europe.

For more information, (619) 222-0438, or visit www.SummerSailstice.com or www.southwesternyc.org.

