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Brown pelicans flood the coastal skies Observers and experts have noted a growing brown pelican population along San Diego's coast-line. Put by Mile Michity I The Becon

By MIKE McCARTHY | THE BEACON

isitors to the San Diego coastline have been treated to an ongoing show starring the brown pelican. The usual sight of two or so flocks of pelicans soaring over places like Sunset Cliffs in Point Loma has recently grown to two or so dozen seabirds at one time.

Experts in this field appear to have mixed opinions for the reasons behind the large numbers of pelicans that have been appearing for several months.

"There seems to be no real scientific explanation for this phenomenon," said Andrew Hughan, public information officer for the California Department of Fish and Game in Sacramento. "At this time, there is no data to support the increased population of brown pelicans in the San Diego region."

Climate changes, the weather and water temperatures are affecting a vast variety of species, including pelicans.

Updrafts — created by the wind reflecting off ocean cliffs — provide the ideal conditions for this seabird to glide effortlessly over the water. The California brown pelican can be found from northern Mexico up to the Oregon border. At one time, it was considered an endangered species because of their declining population.

In 2009, the pelican was removed from the endangered list after their numbers recovered. It was discovered that use of pesticides like DDT was taking its toll on the pelican population, as well as several other seabirds feeding off of the ocean coast. Farmers in places like Imperial Valley were using pesticides that would eventually filter into the Pacific Ocean's food chain.

The result was that pelican egg shells became thinner and were being crushed by the weight of the large bird. Conservation efforts eventually eliminated the pollutants, and the pelican population slowly grew.

Past oil spills also added to the demise

of seabirds. The environmental movement was energized by the publicity from the Santa Barbara Union Oil spill in 1969. The federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 was the first legislation to protect seabirds. The Endangered Species Act of 1966 permitted individual states to adopt regulations that would give greater protection to migratory birds.

Spokespersons from agencies like the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department said they are aware of the situation with the brown pelican near San Diego.

Expert opinions about the re-emergence of the bird's numbers varies.

Most experts agree that pelicans are just simply following the food supply. Some say a heavy concentration of pelicans at local beaches makes it appear that their numbers are rapidly increasing.

"Just a one-degree difference in the water temperature makes a big impact on all life in the ocean," Hughan said. "It's just good that the pelicans are doing well."

Ocean Beach's

egg-laying

residents

Planning Board discusses future of the neighborhood's urban chickens

By TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

They don't shed, cough up hairballs, or drink out of the toilet. And when they relieve themselves, it makes dandy fertilizer.

In fact, if there were such a thing as a green pet movement, backyard chickens could become its poster animal. Owners say they remove garden pests naturally, provide a family with wholesome, stick-to-your-ribs protein—in the form of a neardaily egg—and promote good, old-fashioned self-reliance.

And they're even cute.

"I could watch them scratch around and wiggle their butts for hours," said Rachel Hiner, who owns three chickens at her Narragansett Avenue residence in Ocean Beach.

It may surprise some to know that, as long as you keep your coop at least 50 feet from any residential structure, the law in San Diego lets you have up to 25 of the critters. But in many

households — especially in OB, where lot sizes are charmingly small — 50 feet may as well be 50 light years.

A movement is underfoot to reduce the distance for a coop with five hens or less — no roosters — to 20 feet from the nearest neighbor's house, and no distance buffer to the owner's house. Hiner pitched the idea to the Ocean Beach Planning Board (OBPB) at its monthly July 7 meeting. The board declined to

take a position, preferring to let the information incubate until a later meeting. But board members said they heard nothing so far that would

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Producing eggs at home would be

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Beer fest taps Point Loma

By KAI OLIVER-KURTIN | THE BEACON

Dozens of local and international craft beers will be on tap for the inaugural San Diego Beer Festival on Sunday, July 17 in Liberty Station. Offering unlimited samples, live music and food trucks, the event follows the popular Los Angeles and Orange County beer festivals.

The familiar pours of Sierra Nevada, Lagunitas Brewing Co. and Duvel will be on hand, in addition to Orange County microbrews Inland Empire Brewing Co., SoCal Beer Co., Cosmic Brewery, Bootlegger's Brewery and The Bruery.

San Diegans can sip local favorites like The Lost Abbey, Coronado Brewing Co., Karl Strauss Brewing Co., Stone Brewing Co., Julian Hard Cider and Iron Fist Brewing Co. The festival has also partnered with Live Wire bar in North Park to bring a hand-picked selection of the staff's preferred beers.

Following the ever-popular trend of food-truck catering, festival visitors can sample fare from Asian Persuasion, Super Q, Two for the Road, Mangiamangia Mobile, Tabe, Devilicious, KalbiQ and Pierogi.

Live music reminiscent of that heard at Coachella Music Festival will be provided by the indie-rock tribute band Black Crystal Wolf Kids.

Festival proceeds will benefit Noah's Bark Foundation, a nonprofit committed to finding permanent homes for sheltered or homeless animals in the Los Angeles area. The foundation rescues about 300 pets annually. Funding will help to cover the costs of food, shelter and veterinary bills for the rescued pets.

Festival tickets are available for \$40 and VIP tickets (includes an additional hour of samples) cost \$50. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.drinkeat-play.com/sandiegobeerfest.

Ocean Beach Gateway Project still underway

A sign from District 2 Councilmember Kevin Faulconer sits attached to a construction fence at the site of the new Ocean Beach Gateway Project. The saga of the project, which began construction last October, continues for residents. Funds for the project have partially come through, but complications will come from have delayed completion.

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OBITUARY

Robert Edwin Klees – volunteer and gentleman

William and Ruth Klees on Feb. 21, 1927 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He passed peacefully on June 16, 2011 at 84 years of age.

He was a one-of-a-kind, a class act and a true gentleman.

Bob's childhood years were spent in several locations in New York and Virginia. He enlisted in the Navy on Jan. 30, 1945, graduating high school early to join in the war effort. He proudly served as a pharmacist mate 3rd class, having taken his advanced training in San Diego in what is now the San Diego Automotive Museum building in Balboa Park.

He was honorably discharged in 1946. He remained a proud Navy supporter his

entire life and was a member of the Navy League since 1960. Bob was a true patriot who never failed to tear up when the United States flag marched by.

He entered Duke University in 1948 and soon met Lvnn Weith. He graduated as soon as possible so he could wed his which love. occurred on Feb. 24, 1951 in West Caldwell, N.J. at family Lvnn's home. They celebrated their 60th anniversary this



JUST REDUCED

His first post-college employment was with Union Carbide in New York City, where he learned the marketing and sales techniques that came so naturally to him.

He and Lynn settled in Darien, Conn. and welcomed the births of their first two children, Douglas and Barbara.

Opportunity called when he accepted a position with Beckman Instruments in La Habra. The family resettled in Fullerton and welcomed the birth of daughter Betsy. After seven years at Beckman, Bob helped to create a new company, International Biophysics Corp., which was later acquired by the Johnson & Johnson Corp.

He then entered graduate school at UC Riverside to pursue an MBA degree. During that time, another opportunity arrived when he was hired by Twentieth Century Fox as vice president of marketing for the film-processing division Color By Deluxe. While the movie industry was a big change from biomedical instrumentation, Bob had the experience and people skills to make the transition seamlessly. He retired

Robert Edwin Klees was born to from Fox in 1983 with many unique experiences and memories.

> After moving to San Diego, Bob and Lynn traveled the globe for several years, with their most memorable time being spent in St. Croix, France, Botswana and South Africa. Great memories were made at the Marine's Memorial Club in San Francisco

> Volunteer work became Bob's next career, sharing his compassion and positive nature with seniors in the community as a volunteer with the San Diego Police Department's Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol. He earned the rank of lieutenant in his 13 years of service to his community.

Bob also served as a docent at the San Diego Air and

Space Museum, giving enthusiastic and engaging tours to all age groups, while sharing his love of aviation. Не proudly served as "plane captain" of the Spirit of St. Louis replica aircraft that greets visitors in the museum lobby.

He was also proud to be a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

There are not ROBERT EDWIN KLEES words that can capture the essence of the

gentleman known as "sweet old Bob." He loved reading the New York Times in the morning while listening to classical music, and it was jazz he enjoyed while supping a tidily in the evening.

Bob was a nature lover, bird watcher, rambler of the Arizona desert and a World War II history buff. Duke basketball gave him great joy and he built his schedule around "March Madness" every year.

Bob is survived by his wife, Lynn; son Douglas (Debra) of Hollbrook, Ariz.; daughter Betsy Brittle (Scott) of Sunnyvale; grandsons David, Atcheson and Thomas. He was predeceased by daughter Barbara and grandson Dustin.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 15, 2011 at 2 p.m. at Miramar National Cemetery, 5795 Nobel Drive, San Diego, 92122.

Bob will always be remembered for his sense of humor, thoughtfulness, generosity and eternal optimism.

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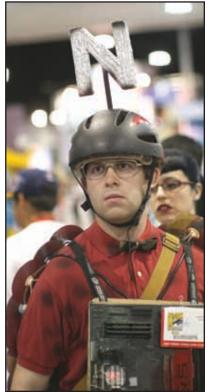
BY BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

San Diego has many great things going for it that draw the public's attention, from the beautiful beaches to major sporting events. But nothing puts the world's focus on the area like Comic-Con International (CCI).

Taking place this year from July 20–24 at the San Diego Convention Center, as well as the streets and venues surrounding it, the soldout event's 125,000 visitors make it the biggest pop-culture party on the planet. For fans of comics, television, video games, toys or movies, it doesn't get better than this, with stars and creators all in one place.

Among the dozens of celebrities taking part in panels this year will be cast members from Fox-

TV's "Glee," The CW's "Vampire Diaries" and CBS-TV's "Big Bang Theory." And that's just the tip of the iceberg. Last year's list included everyone from comedy legend Stan Freberg to James Bond actor Daniel Craig, Mad cartoonist Sergio



Aragones to rapper-turned-actor L.L. Cool J. There are surprises around every corner.

While there is certainly some public demand to increase capacity, anyone who has been among the mas-

sive throngs of visitors and participants in the dealers' room or checked out a major movie preview in 6,500-person capacity Hall H might think things are good just where they

"Our attendance cap is a self-imposed cap. While it's certainly crowded, for the most part we think people can get along okay," said David Glanzer, CCI

director of marketing and public relations. If it seems that

Comic-Con has taken over the city, your assessment is not far off.

"One of the things that we've been trying to do over the last couple of years is utilize those area hotels and outdoor places," Glanzer said. "This year, we may see even more of that, which will allow people to roam freely and do cool stuff not just within the confines of the center but outside as well. And that may make things a little bit more comfortable. Without sounding like a cliché, we really do put on the type show we'd want to attend and while it's gotten bigger, there's still an amazingly amount of cool stuff going on."

Some recent media reports have commented that a few major movie companies were going to sit Comic-Con out this year. According to Glanzer, it's much ado

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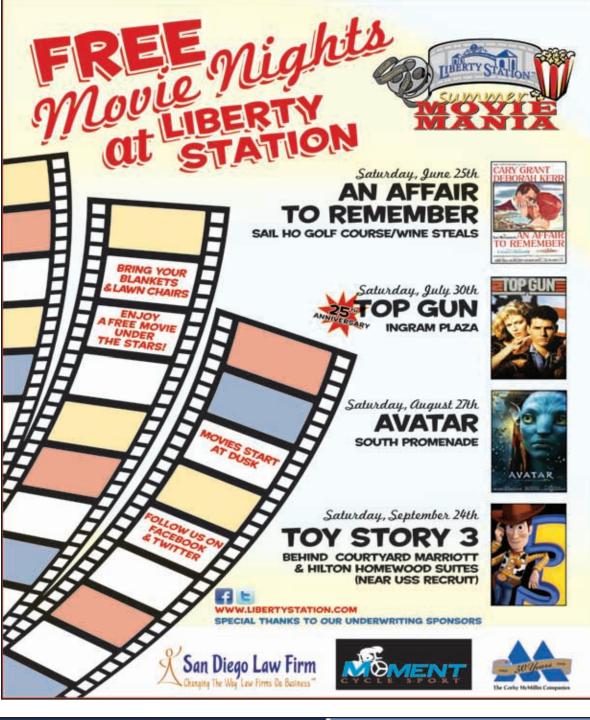
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Comic book enthusiasts will come out in force for the 42nd Comic-Con International. Bottom left, Jonathan Burns is dressed as his own creation, Nerdman, complete with an old computer motherboard around his neck. Various superheros and characters, like "Star Wars" Sand People, right, and R2D2, left, will take over downtown San Diego from July 20-24. Photos by PAUL HANSEN | The Beacon





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'Summer Movie Mania' returns to Liberty Station



Moviegoers take advantage of a previous "Summer Movie Mania" at Liberty Station. The free series takes place on the last Saturday of the month through September. Photo by Paul Hansen I The Beacon

By TERRIE LEIGH RELF | THE BEACON

Liberty Station in Point Loma is in the midst of its third annual free "Summer Movie Mania" series, drawing families near and far on the last Saturday of each month through September.

This year's series began June 30 with "An Affair to Remember," bolstered by a Wine Steals tasting event.

Erin Dial, director of marketing for Liberty Station Vision, said the first installment of the outdoor movie series drew a large adult crowd, given the nature of the

But the fun is far from over. There are three more award-winning films slated for this summer. The films begin around 7:30 or 8 p.m., and dance across a brand-

new, 30-foot, high-definition outdoor screen in various locations throughout Liberty Station.

• On July 30, the cult-classic "Top Gun," now celebrating the 25th anniversary of its release, will be flashed on-screen in Ingram Plaza. As many enthusiasts may know, parts of "Top Gun" were filmed at Liberty Station. Dial said that given the significance of the film, organizers expect a good turnout. It will be shown at its historic cinematic site outside Solare Restaurante. looking up at the Historic North Chapel, with the flag and planes flying overhead.

• On Aug. 27, science and speculative fiction buffs can feast their eyes on the boxoffice blockbuster "Avatar," shown in the South Promenade.

• On Sept. 24, the final film in the series

will be the animated blockbuster "Toy Story 3," playing in Harbor Square.

Dial said these free movie events provide a golden opportunity to get together with family and friends to enjoy a movie and explore what Liberty Station has to offer.

The intent, she said, is to bring the community together to enjoy the summer nights with a fun free activity. Organizers also want to introduce and highlight Liberty Station's tenants to local residents and to San Diego at large.

Organizers suggest an early arrival before the films begin because there are many activities throughout the summer provided by series sponsors like the Corky McMillin Companies, Moment Cycle Sport and San Diego Law Firm.

Local businesses and tenants will also

be involved in the movie series. Ace Hardware, for example, will offer an opportunity to win "the best seat in the house," the Sail Ho Golf Course will host a "putting challenge" with prizes, The San Diego Law Firm will hold a community engagement sweepstakes and the Moment Cycle Sport Triathlon will host a promotion.

There will also be a variety of activities for children that include crafts, games and inflatables. Other entertainment includes special performances by Liberty Station tenants and the Corvette Diner Dancers. Additional activities may be added and tailored to specific movie themes, Dial said.

Another plus of this outdoor series is that before, during and after the film, visitors to this multi-faceted mall may sate their hunger or thirst at a variety of choice locations. Dial said there's definitely something for everyone since Liberty Station has a host of restaurants and eateries. In addition to The Tin Fish, Spices Bay Thai Kitchen, and Sushiya, moviegoers can grab a generous juicy burger and fries from the renowned Corvette's Diner or pizza with panache from Sammy's Woodfired Pizza.

Thirsty guests can visit Wine Steals for a refreshing glass of vino or Oggi's Pizza & Brewing Company for a California gold blonde ale, a Duck Dive Hefferweissen or a Torrey Pines ITA.

For kids of all ages, there will be fresh fruit smoothies from Tropical Smoothie café and wondrous ice cream concoctions at Cold Stone Creamery.

There are also art galleries, dance studios, and other businesses with which to become acquainted.

Guests are welcome and encouraged to bring their own seats or blankets, to-go meals and snacks and beverages. For more information, visit www.liberty

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Transportation plan gets red light from PCPB

By TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

A much-ballyhooed document that seeks to meet the region's transportation needs over the next four decades advocates \$196 billion in improvements without doing a whole lot to alleviate everyday traffic woes in the Peninsula.

That's the conclusion of the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB), which has formally responded with a four-point plan it thinks will aim more directly at traffic problems that have been brewing over the years here.

The draft form of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan was released in April by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). Its goal is to project the regional needs for public transit, highways, local streets, bicycling and walking. The public comment period ended on July 8.

As bad as traffic may be now, several factors threaten to make it worse: population growth, increased development of Liberty Station, a projected expansion of Naval Base Point Loma and more airport activity. All the while, no money has been set aside for two long-awaited interchanges between

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Ebb and flow of San Diego's sportfishing industry

Recreational fishing remains strong in Point Loma

By JOHNNY McDONALD | THE BEACON

Ever since Howard Minor and Ralph Miller Sr. converted a water taxi into a fishing boat, the H&M Sportfishing Co. became the model for all West Coast docks and landings.

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H&M's docks, now in Point Loma, provide for 30 privately-owned vessels in roles ranging from half-day excursions to the kelp beds to journeys reaching the tip of Baja California.

Deep-sea fishing is enjoyed by thousands of fishers who come from great distances to enjoy days on the water and catches that might produce yellowtail, bluefin, albacore or an occasional white sea bass. The shorter trips produce calico bass, rockfish, sculpin and barracuda.

Now, there's a little competition from next door, which sports 19 boats. As



one spokesman for Point Loma Sportfishing put it: "It's just like Target and Walmart."

Thanks to warmer summer waters this year, catch reports are encouraging, according to Patrina Rutkaufkaf of H&M.

"Albacore and bluefin are being caught on our full-day boats," Rutkaufkaf said. "The water temperature has been in the 59- to 62-degree range. The 30 boats we have at our docks are privately owned and operated. They're half- and full-day charters.

"There are a tremendous amount of the Point Loma Sportfishing's landing regulars for the half-day boats," she said. "Some come several times a week

bounty at Point Loma Sportfishing. The local recreational fishing industry, which also boasts the larger H&M Sportfishing in Point Loma, continues to thrive Photo by Jim Grant I The Beacon

to fish the Point Loma kelp beds or off Imperial Beach ... Father's Day was tremendous business and the Fourth of July was reasonable.

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People



SUZANNE K. ROTEN

Roten, of Ocean Beach. joins law group

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OB student wins citywide essay contest

Delaney Evans, 16, of Ocean Beach was recently honored for her first-place work in the 14th annual San Diego Çitywide Library Student Essay Contest.

Evans, a student High Tech High International in Point Loma, competed against more than 2,000 other students. Her will earned her \$500..

She and other contestants were asked to write about a book that inspired them to help save the earth they will inherit.

District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer had special words for Evans.

"Miss Evans' essay demonstrated her passion for writing," said Faulconer. "Her efforts are commendable and she is hereby awarded this special commendation."



Delaney Evans, 16, accepts first-place honors in the 14th annual San Diego Citywide Library Student Essay Contest recently. Courtesy photo

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Sunset Cliffs Natural Park drainage study

City officials will present on Wednesday, July 20 their conceptual plan alternatives for a drainage system to reduce erosion of the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park. The presentation will be made to the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Recreation Council.

The park runs along Sunset Cliffs from Adair Street to the Navy boundary, and from the cliffs to either Sunset Cliffs Boulevard or the Point Loma Nazarene University boundary. Over the years, stormwater has been flowing over the parklands, creating gullies and washing pollutants into the ocean. The city has hired a consultant to study the directions and volumes of these flows and to propose methods to handle the water without damage to the park and to minimize ocean pollution.

The plan alternatives will be presented during a public meeting in Jim Howard Hall at Robb Field from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Paul Jacob, an associate civil engineer with the city's Park and Recreation Department, at (619) 235-5242 or email PJacob@sandiego.gov.

Doggie Street Festival changes locations



At last year's Doggie Street Festival, 130 dogs found new homes.

The third annual Doggie Street Festival has moved from its previous home at Liberty Station in Point Loma and will take place Suday, July 31 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, 1 Park Blvd.

Last year, 130 dogs found new homes at the festival, the largest of its kind in Southern California.

Visitors will find a variety of activities, plus information on topics concerning pet care, health, training and well-being.

Free to the public and to county rescue groups and shelters, the festival brings together breed-specific organizations with other professionals, including educators, veterinarians, vendors and entertainers for the event that lasts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Also offered is the free "Ask a Pet Professional" booth, at which guests can have all their pressing pet queries addressed.

Stand Down San Diego lends hand to vets



Volunteers from Sharp Healthcare sort through donated clothing to be distributed to homeless veterans during "Stand Down San Diego" on Pacific Highway, July 15-17. Photo by Mike Ryan I The Beacon

Veterans Village of San Diego (VVSD) is still accepting clothing donations to be distributed to disadvantaged and homeless veterans during the 2011 "Stand Down San Diego," scheduled to take place at the VVSD facility from July 15-17.

Donations can be dropped off at the VVSD site, located at 4141 Pacific Highway, through the weekend of the "Stand Down." This is the flagship event for VVSD, providing much-needed support for San Diego's homeless veterans population.

Organizers said the event started 23 legal servi years ago and the idea has spread to more than 200 locations across the country. Last year, the San Diego version of "Stand 497.0142.

Beacon reporter wins three iournalism awards

A Peninsula Beacon writer won three awards in an annual competition presented at the Bali Hai restaurant banquet for the San Diego chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPI).

Scott Hopkins was awarded first place in feature writing for his story about a local Little League's Challenger division, which allows youngsters with disabilities to play and enjoy baseball.

Contest judges commented "This story is very well told, with rich detail, multiple sources and good selection of quotes. This could easily have turned sappy, but the writer wisely didn't allow that. (The) story also included the time of the next game, so readers could go, and contact information in case they wanted to get involved. Nicely done."

In sports writing, Hopkins earned second place for his account of the Point Loma Pointers' devastating defeat in last season's CIF football semifinal

And his story about the impressive turnaround of the girl's volleyball team at PLHS won an honorable mention, also in sports writing.

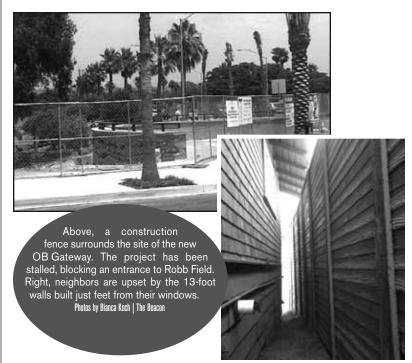
"It's a real pleasure writing for The Beacon," Hopkins said. "I know many people in Point Loma and Ocean Beach can't wait to receive each issue and read about our community. I've had such great feedback from readers, but I'm also honored to have other professionals recognize my work as well."

- Staff report

Down" attracted nearly 1,000 homeless vets, women and children and provided a variety of services like eye exams, oral surgery, Veterans Administration assistance, employment help, legal services, clothing and about 13,000 meals.

For more information, call (619) 497 0142

OB Gateway project, funds still in limbo



By BIANCA KOCH | THE BEACON

Striving for a more attractive and frequented public area in Ocean Beach, the City of San Diego proposed and started a renovation project partially supported by local families and businesses. Tiles were offered to be purchased and engraved with the organizations' names embedded into the new walkway.

Two work phases were planned to finish the project to secure a safe entry to the park from the street intersection.

Now, after several months of ongoing construction noise, dirt and debris, residents are looking at an unfinished site and 13 feet of permanent walls blocking their windows.

So far, an approximate 3-foot stone wall has been built, surrounded by a new walkway decorated with tiles, several light fixtures, a drinking fountain and numerous palm trees replacing the old shrubbery lining the sides and center divider of Sunset Cliffs Boulevard.

A sign by councilmember Kevin Faulconer thanking the public for the new Ocean Beach gateway was installed on construction fencing, blocking access to Robb Field and leaving visitors only two alternatives into the park: the bike path along the channel or the main park entrance on W. Point Loma Boulevard.

In response to the concerns as to why the project has been stalled, Faulconer representative Michael Patton said there had been complications with the tiles that were purchased through the Ocean Beach Construction Development Corporation (OBCDC), who is in charge of the project.

The tile must be constructed of a material that can withstand the procedure of engraving as well as being coarse enough to match the stone wall, Patton said. He added that the initial tile choice by OBCDC failed to meet these requirements but said this problem should be resolved within three to four weeks, since adequate funds are available to conclude Phase I (wall and tiles)

The entire project (to be completed in two phases) runs on a fixed price contract with a construction amount of \$435.017.

Patton said he believed \$219,000 could still be needed to start and complete Phase II (which include the connection of all four pathways, landscape installation and maintenance).

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Funds awarded to OBCDC:

According to www.obcdc.org, the following donations have been made toward the OB Gateway Project:

- \$100,000 donated by the Hervey family in 2006
- \$100,000 from District 2 Commercial Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- \$17,500 from the County of San Diego County and \$50,000 from the City of San Diego in 2008
- \$100,000 from the City of San Diego in 2009 (also from CDBG)
- \$20,000 as a Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant and \$241,000 from the City of San Diego out of Proposition 40-Funds in 2010

Inds in 2010 TOTAL: \$654,017

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News

The ugly little instrument that makes beautiful music

By WALTER RUSKIN | THE BEACON

red Thompson knows that good things often come in small packages. An avid ukulele player and co-producer of this year's San Diego Ukulele Festival, he is well aware of the power of this strange little instrument.

"I have been playing the ukulele since 1938. I play it everyday because you can't play a sad song on one," said the 77-year-old. "I know so many people that consider themselves depressed and take medication to help them cope. I say, 'Put those pills down!' and I start to play them a song on my ukulele. And you know what? They smile. Then they ask me if anyone can play. So I give them the ukulele and begin to teach them a few songs. Within minutes they are playing their first musical instrument in their lives and saying 'This is the most fun I've had in years!"

Thompson will get plenty of chances to prove that claim at the festival, being held at NTC Liberty Station July 14-16.

This weekend's event headliners are world-renowned Jake Shimabukuro and James Hill, the Eric Clapton and Eddie Van Halen of the ukulele world. The festival will also feature ukulele craftsmen, workshops, giveaways, fire dancers and hula performances. Additional performances will be put on by Ukulele Bartt, Derick Sebastian and,

of course, Fred Thompson and the Ukulele Orchestra of Southern Cali-

Not sure what do to this weekend? Come on down to the Ukulele Festival at NTC Liberty Station because, if you have never seen live ukulele, I promise you'll feel like it's Christmas in July. For additional information, visit www.sandiego- ukefestival.com or email Fred at

ukulelefred@cox.net

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about nothing, confirmed by a look at a schedule of events. This includes previews of "Cowboys & Aliens," "The Amazing Spider-Man," and the latest "Twilight" saga.

"The truth of the matter is that every studio doesn't come every year," Glanzer said. "Regardless, there's still going to be a tremendous amount of very cool programming on the television and film side, so I don't think fans will be disap-

Glanzer first attended Comic-Con in 1978, then held at the El Cortez Hotel. with a total of 5,000 guests. He's pleasantly surprised by the event's growth.

"Many of the people that work on the convention even today have worked on it for many, many years," Glanzer said. "I think we're a little shocked sometimes when we realize how big it is. For four days out of the year, the center of the comic's universe really is San Diego.

"It's cool to see that, and it's cool to walk around and see people that you read about or whose work you read," he said. "It's a lot of fun."

He said the event has an impact on future generations. One never knows, he said. One of those kids wandering the aisles in a superhero costume today could be the next superstar director, writer or actor

"One of the things that we found interesting is that a lot of the people who are now movers and shakers in a variety of different — publishing or movies or whatever — attended Comic-Con when they were younger," Glanzer said. "I think that says a lot, not just about Comic-Con but also about the fact that all these years, we were right. Comics are cool and they're a great form of entertainment. The rest of the world is jumping in on that now."



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"a great addition to my tomatoes," said Landry Watson, vice president of the Board. "You can create healthy food right in your own backyard."

The 50-yard requirement comes from an ordinance passed during the 1950s, a time when backyard chickens may have seemed backward in a rapidly modernizing country, Hiner said. But today, urban agriculture is a growing movement, and the Internet is abuzz with ideas on custom coops, replacing lawns with vegetables, and the like.

And with such small groups of hens, con-

noise aren't issues, she said.

"My chickens make a lot less noise than the OB parrots," Hiner said, a reference to an infamous group of feral birds known for their redundant morning squawks.

As for the manure, it goes in the compost pile. "It's the best recycling I know," said Hiner, who uses the fertilizer to grow beets, squash, tomatoes and her other vegetables.

There are concerns. Chickens are notoriously incompatible with dogs. The birds will also turn to tender vegetables if they run out of bugs and feed. Hiner's birds even devoured a small banana tree once, she said.

Members of the audience at the meeting seemed intrigued.

"I'm allergic to cats and dogs, and I think they'd be a great pet," said Laura Hershey of

In other OBPB-related news:

May 2012 is still the projected completion time for the beach restrooms south of Dog Beach, said Michael Patton, aide to Councilman Kevin Faulconer, but there's still no contractor. The Brighton Street Comfort Station, as the project is officially known, has been put out to bid for the third time, and the deadline for submission is July 15.

"I don't know what's going to happen if they don't select a contractor this time around," Patton said, noting that every bid has been rejected since the project was first advertised late last year.

The San Diego Association of Governments is talking about smart growth, and it's causing board members to see dollar signs. To make a better pitch for potential grants, the OBPB has formed an ad hoc committee to reach out to other local nonprofit groups. The meeting will probably be held July 20 at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center, 4726 Santa Monica Ave. More information may be available at oceanbeachpb.com.



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I-8 and I-5, the board asserts in a letter authorized at the PCPB's regular meeting last month.

As a result, local streets get glutted by people trying to get in and out of the Peninsula, as if "there's a Padres game everyday," said Board member Jay Shumaker.

"SANDAG has provided for no funding for mitigating the traffic problems that have developed," said Pete Nystrom, whose Traffic and Transportation Subcommittee wrote the letter. "Rosecrans has turned into a parking lot, all jammed up with people just trying to go home.

To better serve the Peninsula, the letter suggested building more ramps and improvements allowing cars to bypass congested intersections and to provide alternatives to Rosecrans Avenue and Sea World Drive. Specifically, it asked SANDAG to look at four things:

The I-8/I-5 interchange: SANDAG's plan gives this high priority but doesn't identify the \$220 million funding for the 8 East-to-5 North ramp, nor the \$100 million for the 5 South-to-8 West ramp. The board asked SANDAG to research the possibility of putting a concrete abutment or other separation between the two lanes that make up the offramp from 5 North to 8 West, and turn one lane into an on-ramp for 8 East to 5 North. The ramp getting off 8 East could circle around the Rosecrans-to-5 North ramp.

Rosecrans bypass: Traffic engineering efforts could turn Nimitz Boulevard into a better north-south corridor, giving members of the Rock Church in Liberty Station, airport traffic and naval commuters an alternative to Rosecrans.

I-8 Extension: Instead of reaching a stoplight at the western end of I-8, a ramp across from Correia Middle School could be built to allow cars to go directly south on Nimitz Boulevard. A northbound ramp at the same location could allow direct access to 8 East.

Navy bus link: Successful programs that bring commuters to San Diego Naval Base at 32nd Street and elsewhere could be adopted here.



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We'll continue into Thanksgiving when the dorado and yellows are still biting."

Sportfishing officials said the biggest yellowtail caught last year weighed 402 pounds.

When H&M was located at the foot of Broadway, a saltwater aquarium was erected so prospective anglers could see the many species of fish they could hope to catch.

The Unified Port of San Diego asked the sportfishing companies in April 1949 to move to Point Loma because it wanted all commercial sportfishing activity located in one area.

The period of 1957-59 were considered banner years for the competitive yellowtail derby at its peak.

The original derby ran for 28 years —from 1946 to 1973 — sponsored and produced by the San Diego Junior Chamber of Commerce.

It was a multi-month angler event based on fish size, with qualifying periods and finals. Prizes ranged from cash to cars, trailers, trips and fishing gear. It attracted more than 10,000 anglers from throughout the Southland.

Last year, at the urging of Stephen Cushman, chairman of Unified Port of San Diego's Board of Port Commissioners, experienced fisherman John Campbell took up the challenge and has resurrected the Derby.



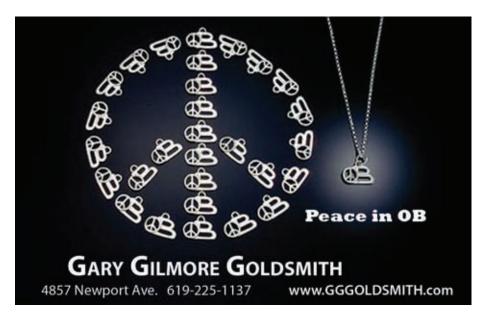


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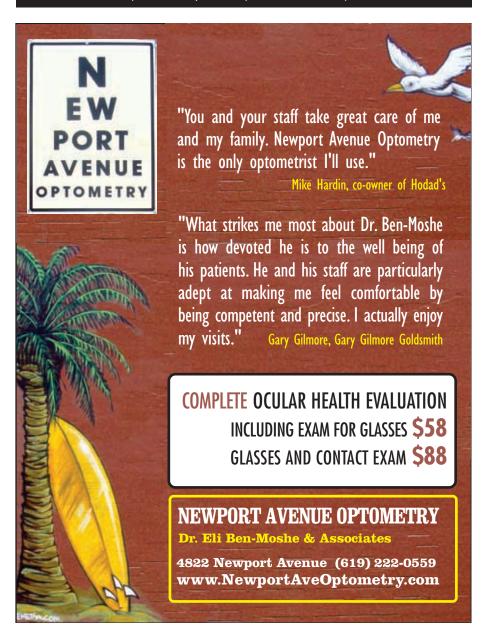


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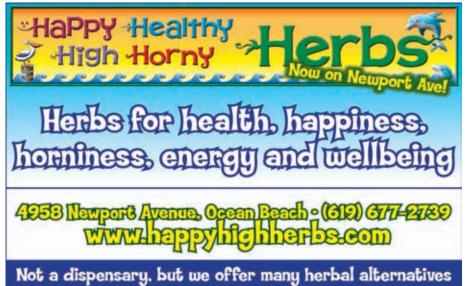
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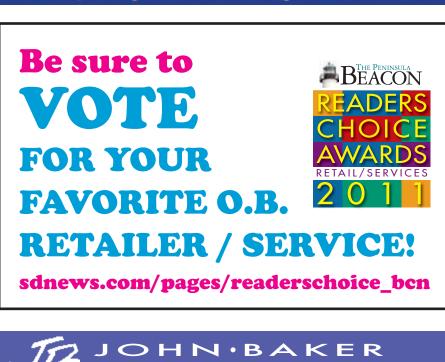


















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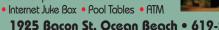
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Summertime is always special in San (Aug. 12). Diego. The warm evenings lend themselves to all manner of outdoor activities, but it's hard to beat taking in a musical performance in a park. Area residents will have such a chance each Friday evening from July 15 to Aug. 12, when the Point Loma Association hosts the 11th annual Summer Concert Series at Point Loma Park.

For this year's entertainment, organizers have rounded up an impressive set of crowd pleasers, including Beatles tribute band Help (July 15), Johnny Cash re-creators Cash'd Out (July 22), 1950s to 1980s dance band The Mar Del's (July 29), Top-40 favorites The Mighty Untouchables (Aug. 5) and top classic-rock combo, Rockola

The headliner each night will go on at 6:30 p.m. with a warm-up set on the Kids Community Stage beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Recreational Music Center School Band will kick off the whole series on July 15.

Rockola is by far the most popular band to play at this event. This will be the sixth time the band closes the series.

"It's one of my favorite events to play," said guitarist Mark DeCerbo. "Anytime you can play a big event like this in the fresh air, with such a huge crowd, it's going to a good thing. But the crowds here are so responsive it's extra fun."

He said it can be tougher to play rock 'n'

roll in the daytime, but adds that there is a

"It's really great to see families out having a good time and enjoying music. That's something that could never happen in a

DeCerbo said Rockola adapts its set list for

"We go for the bigger crowd pleasers," he said. "Oftentimes, we invite kids up to join us for a song, so we'll play something that's really well known like 'Proud Mary,' or a song that's become a hit again via a movie, like the Monkees' song 'I'm a Believer.' The kids all know that because of 'Shrek."

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Despite the passage of time, he sees no dropoff in the interest in classic rock.

"To the contrary," he said. "Rockola has been playing now for 25 years. I really thought there might a shift in musical tastes, but that hasn't been the case at all. We get crowds of people that are all ages. And the young ones seem to know the words to every song."

He points to the Beatles' material as being particular crowd pleasers.

"You'll never go wrong putting 'Twist and Shout' or 'I Saw Her Standing There' in a set list," he said.

Mighty Untouchables guitarist Mark Fulton agrees that it's important to include music for people of all ages.

"We cover a lot of ground from salsa to rock," he said. "For the adults, we do things like a 25-minute Motown medley. But for the kids, we can play things like Bruno Mars, Katy Perry and Cee Lo Green. They seem to know all those songs."

Fulton said the biggest change is in the tempo set for an outdoor gig.

"Not too many slow songs," he said. "We might do 'My Girl' or something like that, but we like to keep things moving."

Fulton cited another reason why he enjoys these park events.

"We like being able to play for families," he said. "In fact, we bring our own families to enjoy the music as well."

To help ease traffic around the park, free parking and free shuttle service will be provided at All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Blvd, two blocks north of the park. To access the All Souls' parking lot, follow signs from Catalina Boulevard to Chatsworth Boulevard, then turn left into the parking lot. The shuttle will operate from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

OTL returns



An estimated 1,300 three-person teams will match skills during the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club's annual Over the Line Tournament on Fiesta Island.

By JOHNNY McDONALD | THE BEACON

For a 58th summer, men and women of all ages will relive their youth during a pair of weekends, smacking softballs in the traditional marathon Over the Line (OTL) competition.

The sport is a three-person, balland-bat contest matching the skills of 3,900 athletes from 7 a.m. to dusk. It began July 9-10 and concludes July 16-17 on the sands of Fiesta Island. Again sponsored by the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club, the festive event

with colorful team names is expected to attract about 55,000 sun-baked spectators.

OMBAC's membership transforms Fiesta Island on those weekends, focusing on the 50 OTL courts assembled in the sand.

National interest has attracted entries from Canada, South Florida, San Antonio and Hawaii for 10 age divisions, which lure those even

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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

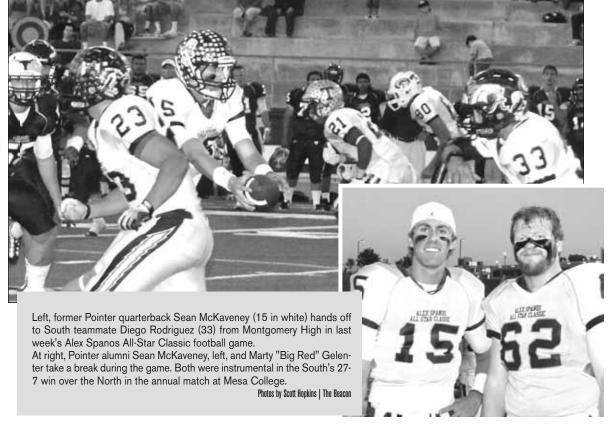
While stories of adult children abandoning their aging parents make for interesting reading, this is just not true. What is true is that families live further apart from one another than ever before and that situation sometimes presents caregiving challenges. Advances in communication make it easy for 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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PLHS players go for gold as all-stars

BY SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Two former Point Loma High School football players, also best friends off the field. had one final chance to showcase their skills before embarking on distinctly different collegiate paths.

Quarterback Sean McKaveney and his center, Marty Gelenter, represented the Pointers in the 21st annual Alex Spanos All-Star Classic football game, matching the county's top graduated prep players July 8 at Mesa College.

Playing for a well-prepared South team, both played vital roles in a resounding 27-7 thrashing of an often out-of-sync North squad.

For Gelenter, the night had to be one of mixed emotions. The large (6-foot-4, 270-pound) lineman, whose hair and beard earned him the nickname "Big Red," was marking his "retirement" from football. Recently named top male citizen at PLHS, he will enter the University of California, Berkeley in several weeks as a chemical engineering student.

McKaveney, on the other hand, hopes to win the starting job at Claremont McKenna College next year. His plans, however, may have suffered a blow when he sustained a possibly serious knee injury just before halftime.

said. "I have a lot of the symptoms, but attack to give their packed side of the we are going to see the Chargers' head doctor this week to have it checked out."

Coached by Tom Karlo and his Mt. Miguel football staff, the South used an effective passing offense and punishing rushing attack to score on its first four possessions to take a 20-0 lead at the break. McKaveney was at the helm on the first two drives, resulting in the game's first 10 points.

Both former Pointers praised the Matador coaching staff, who had clearly succeeded in blending the players from many schools into a unified group.

"We had a lot of competition at practice," said Gelenter. "There were a lot of good guys on the South, and we were well-prepared for the game."

Echoing Gelenter, McKaveney said, "They created a fast tempo with lots of one-on-one drills. They were really good coaches and we were ready both physically and mentally."

But there was also time for plenty of good-natured ribbing as the PLHS players reminded their Mt. Miguel mentors of the Pointers' overwhelming 34-10 CIF quarterfinal playoff win over the Matadors last November on a frigid night in Spring Valley.

The spirited practices led to the South "The trainers told me they think I using big hits and fumble recoveries on might have torn my ACL," McKaveney defense along with a balanced offensive

stands plenty to cheer about. The North averted the humility of a shutout with a score just 6:14 before time expired.

The South roster also included two players from Western League-foe Madison. The Warhawks were forced to forfeit numerous victories last year, including a 33-7 blowout at the Pointers' homecoming en route to a CIF championship. The forfeits, for use of an ineligible player, are still being appealed.

"The competition on the field was probably equal to anything I'll see in college just because everyone here was an all-star," McKaveney said after the game, his knee wrapped in ice.

"I came out prepared for a lot more from the North," Gelenter said. "They brought it tough, but we were prepared for more."

The victory brought the series a bit closer, the North now holding a 10-7 advantage since the current format was begun in 1995. For the first four years, the game matched players from 2A and 3A schools.

Pointer head coach Mike Hastings led the South to a 14-0 win in 2007.

It was an ideal exit for Gelenter, who said, "I got to play the whole game on offense and end with a win on my last game. Not many people get to do that. It



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"Those who have won in many [age] divisions before continue to come back," said Ed Martin, public relations director for the tournament. "They may not

always play on the same team every year."

Martin said several have entered who are consistent trophy winners. There's Tom Whalen and Merle Cummings. who have won 14 times, and Camille Magina, a 12-time victor in the women's divisions.

Others who have won several OTL tournaments and are entered this year are Bob Mendoza, Scott Bello, Lisa McGowan, Linda Detrow and Stefanie

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"Typically, if they're a seeded team, they are going to end up playing five or six games," said Martin. "If they're in the loser's bracket, they need to beat the team in the winner's bracket twice."

Although OTL is noted for fiercely ited. The "OMLot" is located within a competitive contests, as much interest is paid to the surrounding debauchery and off-color team names.

"Team names are traditionally cretimes be quite colorful, often pertaining to current events," said Martin.

That may be why the event has not often drawn national television cover-

Reserved parking is still available for both weekends, although supply is lim-

short walking distance of the playing courts.

OMBAC also provides complimentary bus transportation (dubbed the "OmShuttle") to and from Fiesta Island during the first three days of OTL.

OMBAC is a 501(c) 4 nonprofit organization that focuses on amateur sports, youth athletics and local charities. OTL is the club's main fundraising event.

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In the 1800s, games and amusement were commonly associated with either large celebrations or after school play days incorporating most of the local townspeople. This day will pay tribute to traditional games of the time. July 30th - Trades that Shaped Westward

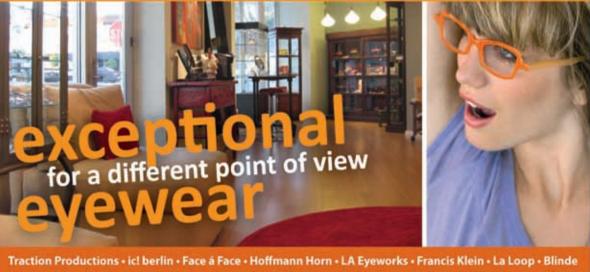
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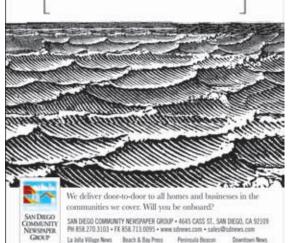
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