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### Faulconer, OB planners at odds on beachfront variances, demolitions

By TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

According to District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer, there's nothing wrong in terms of property owners on West Point Loma Boulevard — south of

the entrance to Dog Beach - who want to tear down one-story, 1950sera duplexes and replace them with more stylish, threestory homes.

Faulconer was responding to a recent letter of protest from the Ocean Beach Plan-



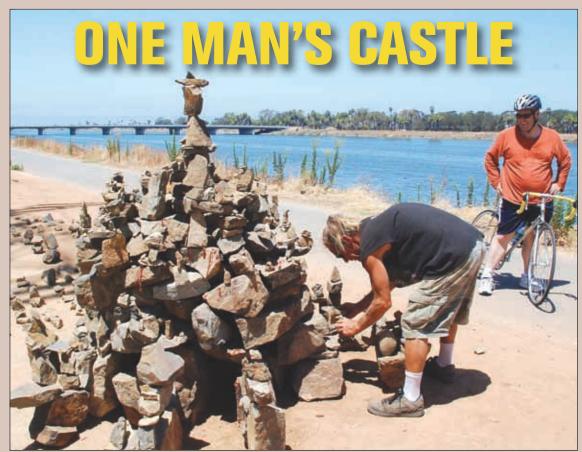
ning Board (OBPB) that alleged the city has been improperly granting variances, allowing owners of these beachfront properties to build houses larger than called for by zoning statutes.

The board sent the letter after opposing, without success, two property owners in the 5100 block of West Point Loma Boulevard, a block that originally contained 14 similar-looking, low-rise concrete structures on 2,500-squarefoot lots. A third application has been submitted for a three-story project requiring a variance.

The block is zoned RM 2-4, which stands for residential multi-family housing with lot sizes up to 6,000 square feet. In Ocean Beach, the zone restricts total gross floor area to seven-tenths of the lot size, 25 percent of which must be set aside for enclosed parking, unless underground parking is provided.

For a 2,500-square-foot lot, this means a maximum of 1,312.5 square feet for living space and a 437.5-squarefoot garage. The most recent of the two variances allowed a combined 1,748

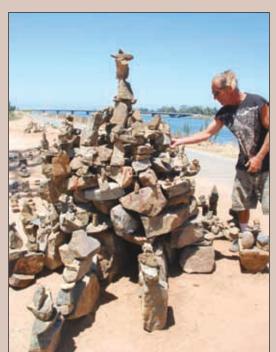
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#### **BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME?**

Some folks build sand castles. Others, like Ron Patterson, a former stone worker who has been homeless for 21 years, recently created this rock castle sculpture adjacent to the San Diego River under the power lines not far from the mouth of the river's outlet at Dog Beach in Ocean Beach. Patterson said he used about 3,000 pounds of nearby rock to create tiny rooms, bridges and moats inside - too numerous to count. Patterson's only frustration has been that wild squirrels take up residence in his creation at night, knocking down parts of the delicately-placed rocks and forcing him





### Trail development, plant restoration plan for Sunset Cliffs moves ahead

By TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

An important step has been taken to secure \$380,000 in state funding for developing a system of trails and restoring native vegetation in Sunset Cliffs Natural Park.

The Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) voted 10-1 in support of the Sunset Cliffs Hillside Park project during its July meeting. The board's OK keeps the project on schedule to meet a from the California Coastal Conservancy, said Joe Esposito of Estrada Land Planning, the city's consultant for the project.

The project calls for developing two six-foot-wide trails on the Hillside sec-

tion of the park, which is the 50-acre portion south of Ladera Street. A third trail available for disabled users will begin at one of the hillside's parking lots, Esposito said.

The trails will enhance opportunities to view the ocean with five observation points, interpretive signs and several benches, Esposito said. Native plants and a temporary irrigation system will be installed on 10 feet of both sides of the trails. Shortcuts and secondary trails will March 2012 deadline to secure a grant be cut off and restored with native plants.

A former ballpark used by Point Loma Nazarene University will be contoured to a more natural state and planted in

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#### **OB'S FLIGHTY NEIGHBORS**

### Home owners, enthusiasts lend insight into who's on the (pr)owl in neighborhood



A white barn owl takes flight. Two families of the barn owls have taken up residence in Ocean Beach, capturing the attention of neighbors and passersby.

#### **OWL BE SEEING YOU**

According to amateur owl/bird enthusiast Mark Stratton of North Park, the white barn owl is virtually found in all habitats. But he said barn owls are more abundant in open woodlands since such habitats are more widespread. They can be found on every continent and even large islands like Hawaii, where they were introduced in 1958.

By BIANCA KOCH | THE BEACON

Most people have heard them. Very few have seen them.

For the last two years, two families of white barn owls have been cohabitating with the residents of Del Monte Avenue near Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and also on Cape May Avenue near Bacon Street in Ocean Beach.

Within the hour after the sun sets on both streets — which are several blocks apart from one another — residents there have been listening to the highpitched screech of the owls. The birds' screeches last mostly throughout the night, ending before dusk.

Even though owls are generally nocturnal, it is not uncommon to see this species emerge at dusk or start activity at dawn, according to bird experts. Rarely have these owls be seen in flight during daylight, however. Their noiseless flight alternates between wing beats and smooth gliding.

Dan Nichols, who lives on Del Monte

Avenue, has been following the owls' daily activities for a little over a year. His house is right under one of the palm trees the owls roost in.

They use the old tree to stake out the 'hood', looking for potential food," said Nichols.

Nichols said he hears two noises at night: a screech and a clicking chirp, which he believes "could most likely be

Encyclopedia research shows the owls use four different tones. They call out infrequently, usually with a drawnout rasping screech. The male courtship call is a shrill, repetitive twittering. Upon returning to the nest, adults may give out a low, frog-like croak. And when surprised in its roosting hollow, the owl makes hissing and rasping noises, along with bill-snapping sounds made by the clicking of its

"Those nests [hollows] weaken the

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This palm tree is home to a family of white barn owls on Del Monte Avenue in Ocean



#### **ALL CHARGED UP ABOUT CARS**

Many concert goers were revved up for the first-ever car show at the Point Loma Summer Concert series July 29. Concert chairwoman Martha Phillips said the car show was added as a fun addition to the popular Friday concert series and to take advantage of the San Diego County Fair banner program. Because Point Loma is a "banner district," the San Diego County Fair provided "Race To The Fair" themed banners specially designed for Point Loma and the car show. Seventeen custom and classic cars were featured, including one of last Packards ever made, a gorgeous Ford Woodie and a couple exotic Mangusta automobiles. The last concert for the 2011 summer is Friday, Aug. 11, featurng the popular band Rockola.



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### **Cliffside memorial benches** at center of permit debate

Planners support tributes but defer to city on legality

BY TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

Two stolen memorial benches at the center of a recent uproar at the foot of Del Mar Avenue should be allowed to stay until the city researches its own role that allowed the benches to be installed without permits in the first place, according to members of the Ocean Beach Planning Board (OBPB).

Although the returned benches are said to encroach on a city right-of-way, the board voted 10-1 on Aug. 3 in support of the cliffside memorials. But members decided it was premature to demand permits because the city may have already approved the benches when they were installed previously and simply didn't keep records at the time.

The benches disappeared July 8 when a disgruntled neighbor — reportedly upset by the unruly behavior of local teenagers who congregated at the benches — hired a crane to have the tributes removed. Late last month, police recovered them from a City Heights storage yard and KUSI-TV watchdog Michael Turko arranged for their return.

Now, the city's director of transportation and stormwater says the bench owners should have obtained a sitedevelopment permit and coastal-development permit, according to Michael Patton, a representative to District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer.

Each permit requires an initial deposit of \$8,000, according to the city's web-

Faulconer stands ready to put the weight of his office behind any permit application but asked the board to take a position because he's been getting phone calls both in support and opposition to the benches, Patton said.

Patton said Faulconer personally is pleased the benches are no longer in a storage vard and that they have been returned, but he can't help until the families submit permit applications.

But board members said there was too much support for the contention that the benches had already been allowed without permits under programs run by the city's Parks and Recreation Department or other city channels.

The George Story bench, which memorializes a 30-year city employee, was installed in 2001 as a gift to the community, said son John Story.

We donated it to the city of San Diego 10 years ago. I helped go through the process with my mom. The bench was placed there by the city," Story said.

He said the bench's legitimacy had never been challenged until it was removed last month.

"Now, 10 years later, after it was stolen by a private citizen, my family's being asked to go through a permitting process?" he said.

Board member Bill Bushe said, "We have testimony that his father's bench went through this program. Where's the counter evidence?'

Not everone agreed, however.

"If it doesn't have a permit, regardless of whether it was there before, I think the law's got to stand," said Ronson Shamoun, who cast the only dissenting vote. "Everything should be there legally."

Tony Cappellucci, who owns the bench placed in remembrance of his son, Anthony "Butch" Cappellucci, said permission for the two benches should be grandfathered without permits. He said he's encountered many confused looks at the city's Department of Development Services when he has inquired about permits.

He said an employee who gave him an application told him he'd never seen a site-development permit for a bench before. Cappellucci said the employee told him, 'I don't know how you're going to fill it out. This isn't structural."

Ken Doncouse, a resident who said he is opposed to the benches, said he was asked to examine the area and found evidence of homeless activity and unsanitary conditions at the cliffs beyond Del Mar Avenue.

He said he had worked for two property owners, one of whom was the man who hired the crane operator to remove the benches.

"These are multimillion dollar properties," said Doncouse. "If I was a homeowner there, I would be highly upset."

In other OBPB news:

· If you want to keep a few hens in your backyard, why should anyone else give a cluck? That's what the board decided in an 11-0 vote to reduce restrictions on backyard hens. Current law allows up to 25 chickens — of either gender — on a property. But the coop must be 50 feet from any residential structure. One proposal being shopped around to various community planning boards would reduce the buffer to 20 feet from the nearest neighbor's house and proposes no buffer to the owner's house for a group of five hens or fewer – with no roosters. The board declined to recommend that specific proposal, but approved more liberal laws for backyard chickens and urban agriculture.

• Faulconer is holding a community coffee on Aug. 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Shades Oceanfront Bistro, 5083 Santa Monica Ave.

### VARIANCES

square feet among the three floors for housing and a 335-square-foot open carport. The city ruled it was appropriate to allocate the garage square footage for living space because of the small lot size and lack of alley access.

The request for the variance was upheld by a San Diego hearing officer, the San Diego Planning Commission and the California Coastal Commission. Faulconer is satisfied the variances have been properly approved, Faulconer aide Michael Patton told planners during the OBPB's Aug. 3 meeting.

"You guys aren't going to like what [Faulconer] has to say, because he is fine with what they [property owners] are doing," Patton said.

Faulconer is the first city official to respond to the OBPB's opposition letter,

Sanders and copied to Faulconer, City Attorney Jan Goldsmith, Development Services director Kelly Broughton and councilmembers Sherri Lightner, Todd Gloria and David Alvarez.

The letter charges that the variances "constitute ... rezoning of these lots without adhering to city procedures for

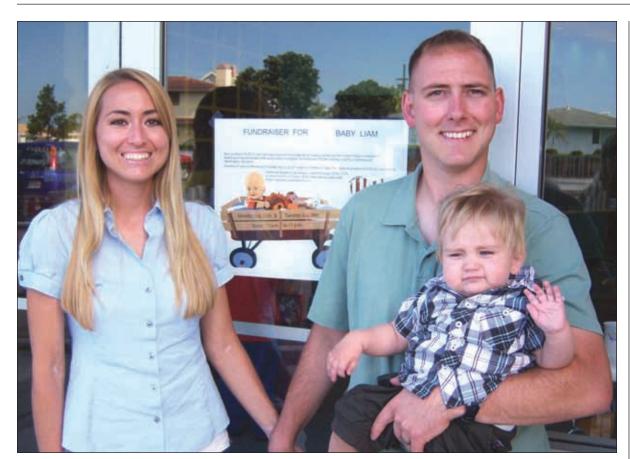
"It should be noted that all the lots in question are and have been perfectly buildable without variances." the letter

The public also stands to lose ocean views because of the variances, according to the letter.

"Those views are called out in the Ocean Beach precise plan revision and should be preserved," the letter states.

The OBPB members seemed undeterred by Faulconer's lack of support.

"We intend to fight this," said board member Tom Gawronski. "If Councilmember Faulconer wants to be on the which was addressed to Mayor Jerry other side of this battle, okay."



Vanessa and William Houck hold 16-month-old son Liam, who suffers from Eagle-Barrett syndrome. Liam is in dire need of a new kidney. Fundraising is under way through Cup of Yo yogurt shop to help the Houcks offset the remaining \$50,000 for Liam's treatment. Photo by Milke Ryan I The Beason

### Fundraising begins for toddler in need of new kidney

By MIKE RYAN | THE BEACON

Liam, the lion-hearted toddler, needs a new kidney. But he has courage.

William and Vanessa Houck's 16month-old suffers from the rare Eagle-Barrett syndrome — sometimes referred to as prune-belly syndrome — and is in need of a kidney transplant, they said.

The disease, which affects about one in 40,000 births — mostly in boys forces Liam to spend 12 hours a day on dialysis and three hours a day being fed though a tube. Vanessa Houck said that despite all the discomfort, her child is

The word "roar" was among the first he spoke.

William Houck is a Marine captain who flies a C-130 Hercules. Vanessa was an Air Force tanker pilot but received a hardship separation to take care of the couple's son. The couple has insurance through the military TRICARE program, but recently learned the remaining outof-pocket expenses for their baby's lifesaving operation could reach \$50,000.

As a result, Point Loma's Cup of Yo yogurt shop in the Fresh & Easy shopping center on Catalina Boulevard has ed at 955 Catalina Blvd.

"the happiest and is crazy about lions." decided to help raise money for Liam. Veronica Eckert's (Yo's co-owner) father is a liver transplant recipient, which prompted her to donate some of the store's profit and to begin collecting donations for the child.

To date, five people have offered to donate a kidney to Liam and thousands of dollars have already been raised.

For more information, call (619) 885-0700, or visit the Children's Organ Transplant Association website at www.cotaforliamh.com. Donations may also be made directly at Cup of Yo, locat-

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palm trees. Last winter, with the heavy rains, the storms blew the soaked wet, heavy bark off the palm trees, almost totaling the cars parked under them and breaking windshields," Nichols

Since then, the owls have found new homes — but not far away.

"They just moved across the street to one of their other 'prepared' palm trees," laughed Cindy Sullivan, Nichols' neighbor.

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cats being picked up by owls

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MARK STRATTON

Amateur owl/bird enthusiast

their nexts or brood."

Sullivan said she loves "her" owls.

"They are so beautiful," she said. Sullivan has her own theory as to where the owls came from a year and a half ago before taking up residence in Ocean Beach.

"I think somebody was breeding them around here and a captive pair escaped," Sullivan said. "I don't even think these owls

normally live in California."

According to amateur owl/bird enthusiast Mark Stratton of North Park, the white barn owl is virtually found in all habitats. But he said barn owls are more abundant in open woodlands since such habitats are more widespread. They can be found on every continent and even large islands like Hawaii, where they were introduced in 1958.

Some residents of Ocean Beach have expressed worry about their small dogs and cats, since the owls have been seen attacking some of the

This is where Stratton would like to set the record straight for Ocean Beach

"Those stories about dogs and cats being picked up by owls are old wives' tales," said Stratton. "An owl is not able to pick up a cat or a small dog, unless it is a kitten or the absolute smallest of dog breeds. An owl can only lift about half its body weight and they surprisingly only weigh around one to 1 1/4 pounds. Most likely, the owls were just protective of their nests or brood."

Barn owls specialize in hunting

small ground mammals and rodents. Bats, frogs, lizards, birds and insects are also on their food list.

Areas overrun with rodents cause barn owl numbers to increase dramatically, according to experts. Depending on the food supply and in direct correlation with mouse overpopulation, the barn owls will breed any time during the year, sometimes twice.

Barn owls are short-lived birds, however. Most of the birds die in the first year of life, with an average life expectancy of one to two years in the wild, experts say.

On average, three to six eggs are laid. Once hatched, brooded and fledged, young birds quickly disperse from the nest area to build a new family. Young owls are able to breed at about 10 months of age.

Neighbors like Nichols and Sullivan said that welcoming Ocean Beach's feathery friends to the neighborhood will help control the community's rodent population inexpensively.

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The Free to Breathe 5K Fun Run/Walk returns to Liberty Station on Aug. 20 to raise funds for lung cancer research and awareness. The event also honors lung cancer victims in the hope of developing a cure.



## Free to Breathe 5K to aid lung cancer fight

By KAI OLIVER-KURTIN | THE BEACON

Last year's success in raising money for the National Lung Cancer Partnership during the inaugural Free to Breathe 5K Fun Run/Walk has motivated organizers to hold the second annual San Diego event on Saturday, Aug. 20 at Liberty Station.

The partnership holds similar fundraisers in cities across the country, with a goal of building awareness, creating hope and ultimately defeating lung

When his mother passed away in 2008 from lung cancer, Joe Hamilton vowed to make a difference in the future of lung cancer. After attending one of the partnership's advocacy summits, Hamilton pitched the idea of bringing the fundraiser to San Diego.

"After doing some research of my own," said Hamilton. "I found that the National Lung Cancer Partnership gave the most money — dollar for dollar toward lung cancer research grants."

More than 400 participants took part in last year's race, raising more than \$40,000. Hamilton said he is hoping to better those numbers this year and help in the fight against lung cancer, which accounts for 27 percent of all cancer deaths, taking more lives than breast, prostate and colon cancers combined.

"We create a day [the Free to Breathe event] that's not somber or sad," said Hamilton. "We want it to be uplifting, while honoring survivors and remembering those affected by lung cancer. Many people share in one another's similar experience surrounding lung cancer and find a lot of common ground."

One such person is Sherry Wickware, a two-time Free to Breathe participant.

"There is a big stigma attached to lung cancer," said Wickware. "In fact, 20 percent of women diagnosed with lung cancer have never smoked, like my mom.'

Wickware is part of a fundraising team whose goal is to raise \$1,000 for this year's event. A chest X-ray after an injury turned into a blessing after doctors discovered and diagnosed her mother's cancer during its early stages.

Wickware's mother has been cancerfree for four years now.

"Free to Breathe is always an emotional day for my family," said Wickware. "It's a time of reflection, and we're so grateful to be walking with my

For those not interested in taking part in the race but who would like to contribute, volunteer opportunities are available and donations are accepted.

For more information or to register, visit www.freetobreathe.org.

### City committee OKs plans for aquatics center at NTC Park

By NEAL PUTNAM | THE BEACON

A City Council committee voted 3-0 on Aug. 3 to forward plans to the full City Council for a new aquatic facility center at the Naval Training Center Park in Point Loma.

Phase I of the project is expected to cost about \$300,000. This phase includes authorization to hire architects Richard Bundy and David Thompson for professional services in terms of design development, construction documents and preparation of a general development plan.

The facility is envisioned to include recreational and competitive swimming pools and a leisure pool with playground features for small children.

The \$300,000 price tag for Phase I will be taken from a city redevelopment agency fund, according to officials.

The budget for all three phases of development and construction is expected to top out at just under \$1.3 million. The City Council will hear the first phase plan this fall.

Phase II will cost an estimated \$709,452 and phase III costs are projected at \$217,280, according to city documents. No date has been selected for the other two phases since the first phase has not yet been approved by the Council.

Councilmembers Sherri Lightner, Lorie Zapf and David Alvarez sit on the Natural Resources & Culture Committee which voted to move the plan on.

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the first phase of the project, Esposito said. Later phases will include removal of eucalyptus trees and other exotic plants.

The plan features some erosion conon rainy days. But Ali Darvishi, a senior engineer for the city, stressed that the plan does not address stormwater that enters the park from the east. A concurrent effort to upgrade the stormwater collection system is being headed up by the city's Park and Recreation Department. The university is also developing a plan to deal with stormwater that leaves its campus. Darvishi said.

Some board members expressed concerns that the three plans should be better coordinated. But Darvishi said by the time funding has been secured for the Hillside Park project, the other plans should be in place.

"We're not working in a vacuum," Darvisi said.

Members of the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Recreation Council (SCNPRC) applauded the progress.

"We are excited to be moving forward with implementing the (park's) master plan," said SCNPRC chairwoman Ann

The plan is available for viewing online at www.sunsetcliffs.info.

In other PCPB news:

 A new window mural with images trols like vegetative swale to collect water from the local Portuguese Historical Cen**ter** should help the Starbucks at 1221 Rosecrans St. get out of hot water with the city's Code Enforcement Division. The coffee shop received a complaint 18 months ago for running afoul of a requirement to keep windows transparent that face Rosecrans. Starbucks covered the windows with whiteout film because the management didn't want to show back-of-the-house areas, said John Albert, a design manager for the company. Starbucks ruled out redesigning the store because of cost, he said. The board approved the plan 10-1.

· Anthony Reed of the Rock Church, 2277 Rosecrans St., has been appointed to the planning board's Traffic and Transportation Committee. Reed serves as the church's traffic and community relations director. He said he's eager to work on related issues in the area.

### City's got the look to be 'America's Next Top Model'

BY HOLLY LAUREN BEEDLE | THE BEACON

Are you ready to be America's next top model?

The CW reality television show created by top model and TV host, Tyra Banks, "America's Next Top Model" is in search of women from the ages of 18-27 that are 5'7" or taller who are dynamic, articulate, interesting and enthusiastic to compete for the title of "America's Next Top Model" and a chance to start a career in the modeling industry.

Last month, San Diegans like Kassy Kova proved they had the look and style to be "America's Next Top Model."

Like many other local aspiring model's, Kassy took her break from her normal day — her routine of studying art history at UC San Diego and figure skating — to attend the San Diego Channel 6/CW television Network's open casting call for Cycle 18 of "America's Next Top Model" at the Fashion Careers College, located on 1923 Morena Blvd.

If you love modeling, then you love fashion, I say, as a former model and current accessory/fashion designer and instructor the Fashion Careers College. Models and fashion designers work together every day in the fashion industry.

Both fashion designers and models have similar attributes, drive and passion for fashion and that's why models become designers. Models love looking good in clothes, so why not design clothes all people look good in?

The Fashion Careers College's talented fashion design students, Zulema Lopez, Ashley Tipton, Cornelius Mandel and Mericella Santacruz and I offered fashion sketching demonstrations using the models attending the casting to flaunt our skills relative to the fashion industry in design.



A long line forms for a casting call at the Fashion Careers College on Morena Boulevard last month for contestants eager to compete in Cycle 18 of "America's Next Top Model."

Courtesy about by Ashley Tipton

Not only did every model take home their own personalized fashion illustration, the Fashion Career's College awarded everyone attending the casting a voucher worth \$500 for scholarship value toward education at the school and anyone that is cast on the show from the San Diego event at FCC will receive a one-year full scholarship worth more than \$20,000.

If you love modeling and fashion, then you love music, and you don't mind waiting in long lines for the opportunity of a lifetime!

The Z90 radio station was on site playing great music and giving out prizes! California's premiere fashion college, Fashion Career's College, the CW and Z90 and all the hopeful contestants made the four hour wait fun and fashionable!

Keep your fingers crossed that one of our very own local beauties will make it big as America's Next Top Model!

— Holly Lauren Beedle is an established designer who has designed for luxury brands



San Diego contestant Kassy Kova struts her stuff in July during auditons for "America's Next Top Model." Courtesy photo by Ashley Tipton

in New York City and California since her graduation from Moore College of Art & Design in Philadelphia. She can be contacted by e-mail at yourlookbyholly@gmail.com.



From left: Andy McMillin, son; Jessica McMillin, daughter; Scott McMillin, chairman of The Corky McMillin Companies; Julie Danielson, Realtor with McMillin Realty; Janice Weinrick, deputy executive director of the city's redevelopment agency; and Kim Elliott, senior vice president with McMillin commercial.

# McMillin, Liberty Station earn prestigious international award

Liberty Station was recently awarded the prestigious international 2011 Prix d'Excellence Award by the International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI), a respected international, professional real estate organization.

The honor recognized the Point Loma development for Best Master Plan, and was only one of two awards given to candidates in the United States. Fifteen awards were given from entries submitted from throughout the world.

Officials said the projects are assessed on a number of disciplines involved in their creation. The award was presented recently to Janice Weinrick, deputy executive director of the city's redevelopment agency on behalf of the city.

"We're very proud of the accomplishments and the implementation of the community's re-use plan," said Scott McMillin, chairman of The Corky McMillin Companies. "To date, Liberty Station has generated \$26 million of tax increment, and over \$6 million of TOT (transient occupancy tax).

We are excited and honored to be given this distinguished award from the International Real Estate Federation. This is not only an honor for Liberty Station and The Corky McMillin Companies, but for the city of San Diego as well. It is important to us that the city ... share in this international honor."

District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer was present for the formal recognition, which took place before the full City Council.

"The Corky McMillin Companies has created a fantastic neighborhood of shops and restaurants, while preserving the legacy of the military and honoring the former military base," Faulconer said.

The 361-acre Liberty Station community includes 125 acres of parks and open space, shopping villages and restaurants, a 28-acre civic, arts and cultural district and the nine-hole Sail Ho Golf Club.

For more information, visit www.libertystation.com.

— From staff and contribution

#### Maxine Edens, wife of PLHS coaching legend, was 86

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Maxine J. Edens of Point Loma died on July 7, 2011. She was 86.

Edens was a homemaker and wife of coach Bennie Edens Jr. of Point Loma
High School football fame. She is survived by brother Mel Riggins of San Diego; son Jim Edens; grandchildren
Stacy Ann Wilde and Kamakana Edens; and four great grandchildren.

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vou help?

Services are scheduled for 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 15 at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association, Bennie Edens Scholarship Fund.

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# People in the news

#### **Point Loman among new UCSD Foundation trustees**

The University of California, San Diego Foundation has welcomed 10 new trustees to the foundation board, including Point Loma resident Robert McNeely, the former executive vice president and

manager for corporate social responsibility at Union Bank of California.

As trustees, the individuals volunteer their time to help in fundraising for the university, as well as communicate UC San Diego news to



ROBERT MCNEELY

the public. The 10 new trustees join the 42member foundation, which raises and manages charitable gifts for UCSD. The board oversees the management of about \$600 million in charitable assets, including \$375 million in endowment. representing Credit For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, the campus expects private support to total about \$120 million.

In addition to his responsibilities with Union Bank of California, McNeely has served with numerous San Diego organizations, including the Centre City Development Corporation and the President's ended. Other Executive Committee Community Council at Point Loma Nazarene University.

The new trustees replace a group of eight UC San Diego trustees whose sixyear terms were completed June 30.

Bronston-Culp, UC San Diego alumna of 1980; Carol Littlejohn Chang, commu- For prices and availability, call (619) nity leader; Lucy Haugh, community

leader; Darcel Hulse, president, Sempra LNG; Judith Morgan, journalist; Anne Otterson, community leader; Earnest Rady, chairman, American Assets; and Brian Walsh, UC San Diego alumnus of 1989 and co-founder of Walsh and Chacon Real Estate. The late John Davies was also a trustee, as well as former chair of the UC Board of Regents.

For more information, www.ucsdnews.ucsd.edu.

#### **SD Opera board members** now include Point Loman

Joseph Watkins of Point Loma Nazarene University was elected to the San Diego Opera's Board of Directors last month during the company's annual meeting at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine.

Watkins was among six new board

members elected. Other new board members include Lee Clark; Ann Irwin; Anne Otterson: Beth Aguiar, representing Bridgepoint Education; and Harry Suh, Suisse.

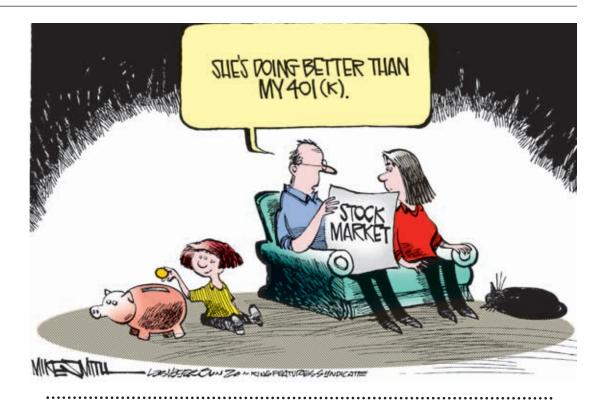


JOSEPH WATKINS

Elections were also held to choose

the company's Executive Committee, which includes Karen Cohn as president of the board of directors. She succeeds David E. Kleinfeld, whose two-year term members are Stacy Rosenberg, executive vice president; Karen Sedgwick Tyler, vice president of finance; and Frances Marshall, corporate secretary.

On a related note, Single tickets for The outgoing trustees are: Deborah the San Diego Opera performances go on sale in the winter and start at \$40. 533-7000, or visit www.sdopera.com.





#### **GUEST VIEW**

### Dead wrong: Getting to the root of the Casey Anthony hate



**By Pastor Miles McPherson** 

of Casey Anthony. They're plotting potenrumored hideouts, naming people who could, or would, or might be "hiding her." There was even the potential, as reported last week, that Anthony may have landed here in San Diego County.

Whether you have concluded she was wrongly accused or wrongly released, there's no denying the fact that this woman has captivated a nation. Anthony's trial was broadcast live on several cable news channels. The day the verdict was announced, "Headline News" attracted the biggest audience in its history, exceeding their coverage of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Why are we unable to look away? What bearing does the plight of Casey Anthony have on our individual lives? Aside from our gawking tendencies, there's something more concrete that draws us to this story.

Casey Anthony is grounded in the fact that her actions have violated the most basic principles of human nature, the image of God in which we were made.

In the simplest form, "made in God's image" means we were made to resemble God in our actions and attitudes. One of the aspects of being made in the image of God means that we were created as a moral mirror, born with the innate ability to reflect God's morality. God provided us with mental and moral capacities not afforded to other creatures. Unfortunately, there are times the moral mirror gets blurred and people act in ways that don't come close to resembling God's heart.

When her two-year-old daughter Reporters are scrambling to catch sight 
Caylee "went missing," it took 31 days for Casey Anthony to report her daughtial plane routes across country, reporting ter's disappearance to authorities. It is only natural that our moral compasses went haywire when we heard the news; our outrage stems from the fact that her actions were in opposition to the very image by which God created us. Mothers just don't do that. Parents are defenders and protectors, not murderers.

Casey Anthony's actions in the days following her daughter's disappearance personified the antonym of "mother" and left many to wonder if she lacks conscience. God did not create robots, but rather complex human beings who are afforded free will. It is hard to accept when people exercise their free will to bring grief, sorrow and pain to other people. However, this should not be construed as an indication of God's absence, but rather a validation of the presence of evil.

God entrusted man with dominion Our fascination with the plight of over the earth and animals, not other

people. We have the responsibility to create environments at work, at home and among our friends, where people can grow and fulfill the purpose for which God has created them. As parents, we have a particular responsibility to safeguard God's plan for our children.

When the 25-year-old mother was found not guilty in the death of her twoyear-old daughter, Caylee, but convicted of four counts of lying to investigators, people around the country protested, denouncing our justice system. How can someone treat their child the way she did, they asked, and escape meaningful conse-

The answer, of course, is that no human escapes the ultimate accounting for his or her actions. Any judgment that is made of Casey Anthony should and will come from God. God has promised to reward each person according to his or her conduct, according to what his or her deeds deserve.

Faith brings peace. If we have confidence that everyone will answer to a higher being for his or her conduct the Florida verdict reached by a twelve member panel of our peers seems far less like the final chapter of the Casey Antho-

My hope is that the moral outrage

surrounding this case can be channeled into meaningful action. My prayer is that it reminds us of our God-given responsibility to love and protect those that have been entrusted into our care.

Consider mentoring a parent who is overwhelmed, volunteering to combat child abuse or even praying for Casey Anthony. The most significant way we can remember Caylee Anthony is by mirroring God's image to those we love.

Miles McPherson, a former player for the San Diego Chargers, is pastor of the Rock Church in Point Loma on Rosecrans Street.



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### **NEWS***briefs*

#### Thousands to pack church to honor slain officer

The Rock Church on Rosecrans Street will be the site of a somber memorial service Friday, Aug. 12 for slain San Diego police Officer Jeremy Henwood, who was brutally shot in the head Saturday in City Heights.

Henwood was pronounced dead early Sunday morning. He was killed by a 23-year-old man who was reportedly suicidal. The suspect, who was wielding a shotgun, reportedly surprised Henwood in an apparent ambush while the officer was on patrol.

The suspect was later killed in a hail of bullets by police.

Thousands of mourners and fellow law enforcement officers are expected to pack the church for the 10 a.m. service. The public is invited to attend to pay tribute.

The service will be preceded by a traditional motorcade of law enforcement vehicles that will begin a 12-mile processional that begins at Qualcomm Stadium in Fashion Valley.

#### **AmericanWest seals Sunrise Bank merger**

AmericanWest Bank has announced it has completed the previously announced acquisitions of Bank of the Northwest and Sunrise Bank — which includes the Sunrise branch in Point Loma.

The acquisitions were consummated in separate merger transactions but closed simultaneously, bringing AmericanWest Bank's total assets to \$2 billion.

These acquisitions add California and the Puget Sound to American-West Bank's footprint. The new locations include Palm Desert, Point are welcome.

Loma, San Diego and Escondido in California, as well as Tacoma, Everett, Bellevue and Issaquah in Washington.

Both Bank of the Northwest and Sunrise Bank customers should continue banking as they do today using the same bank accounts, bankissued hardware, online usernames and passwords, credit cards, debit cards, checks and banking locations, according to AmericanWest Bank officials

Scott R. Andrews, former chairman & CEO of Sunrise Bank. and Tom Giovanelli, former president and CEO of Bank of the Northwest, are reportedly continuing with AmericanWest Bank in leadership roles.

Andrews will be the regional manager for Southern California, and Giovanelli will be the regional manager for western Washington.

As a result of the closing of these transactions. AmericanWest Bank now operates 66 branches in Washington, Idaho, California and Utah, with more than 600 employees.

#### **Cancer Society thrift** store slates new sale

The semi-annual "half-price sale" is set to take place at the Point Loma American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, located at 3609 Midway Drive, Suite C.

The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug.

Thrift store officials said the sale will feature clothing, shoes and accessories for men and women, along with furniture, household items, books, jewelry and other items at half price.

For more information, call (619) 224-4336. Volunteers and donations



A young angler learns some fishing skills during a recent Young Angler's Tournament at Shelter Island Pier. The event, which takes place on Saturday, Aug. 13, is designed for children ages 6 through 15.

### Young anglers will put their skills to the test in free tournament

Young anglers ages 6 through 15 will again compete in the free ninth annual Young Angler Tournament at the Shelter Island Pier on Saturday, Aug. 13.

The saltwater event, which takes place at 1776 Shelter Island Drive, is sponsored by the San Diego Sportfishing Council, the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) and the Port of San Diego. The tournament will feature a points system to allow for catch and release

Winners — one in each age category between 6 and 15 — will be determined by adding up points for various fish caught. The angler with the most points overall will be recognized on the tour-

nament's perpetual trophy.

IGFA representatives and volunteers from the United Pier and Shore Anglers Club, San Diego Rod & Reel and the San Diego Anglers will be on hand to assist voung anglers and to tally points. Young anglers in the competition are encouraged to bring their own gear, although a limited number of loaner rods will be available on a first-come, first-serve

Small quantities of bait will be provided each angler while supplies last.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., with fishing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prizes are awarded by 2 p.m.

Hot dogs, chips and sodas will be

served to all registered anglers.

Prizes and raffle drawing items include rods and reels, hats, T-shirts, fishing gear and deep-sea fishing trips. The San Diego Sportfishing Council, a nonprofit corporation, hosts the event to promote San Diego sportfishing as an attractive marine recreational activity. to increase awareness of sportfishing opportunities from San Diego Bay, to increase the availability of "how, when and where" information and access to sportfishing opportunities.

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Young surfers, in surf lingo referred to as groms, pose during a previous Gromfest Surf Contest in Ocean Beach.

### Gromfest again to showcase surf skills of youngsters

The 10th annual Gromfest Surf Con-Point Loma residents Lisa and Rick auction and award ceremony. test will get under way Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Ocean Beach Pier. The event welcomes surfers ages 16 and younger, youth in honor of Warner. who will take to the waves from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. to showcase their talents.

The contest is sponsored by the Sunset Cliffs Surfing Association (SCSA) and is also held in remembrance of Carl Warner, a local resident who enjoyed the ocean and surfing. After his passing, Warner's former employers and local

Haux — owners of MOR Furniture For Less — wanted to do something for area

In coordination with the Haux's and SCSA, Gromfest became a reality.

All money collected by Gromfest organizers benefits the SCSA Juniors

The contest is limited to 110 entries and a \$25 donation is appreciated. The day will include a barbeque, raffle, silent

For more information, visit www.isurfing.com/sites.pl/150/Sunset CliffsSurfingAssociation.

According to Urban Dictionary online, a grom (or grommet) isnt necessarly a biginner surfer but simply a young surfer usually under the age of 15. The same source says groms are despite the age — especially skillful when it comes to surfing.

— Guest contribution

### **Museum recaptures Pontiac's** glory years in classic displays

By JOHNNY McDONALD I THE BEACON

The Pontiac marque may be gone, but the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park is making sure it's not forgotten.

Through Sept. 25, several of those dandy cars that met the fancy of the buying public for most of their 83 years will be featured, defining the carmaker in terms of style and performance. The end came in

The decision reflected the decline of the brand over time as Pontiac lost its place as an industry leader. The story is not unlike that of any other manufacturer in industrialized America of the 20th century. Other carmakers that disappeared included Cord, Auburn, Hudson, Studebaker and American Motors.

Beauty and performance - once cherished by car buyers — faded and gave way to conservative design and adequate performance.

Efforts were made to bring back the excitement by re-introducing popular models in the latter years — but the efforts fell short.

On display at the museum are: a 1932 Pontiac Six sedan, a 1941 Super Streamliner Torpedo, a 1952 Catalina, a 1955 Star Chief safari wagon, a 1959 Bonneville, a 1962 Tempest, a 1962 Grand Prix two-door hard-top sports coupe, a 1964 Tempest LeMans GTO, a 1968 Firebird, a 1969 GTO Judge, a 1977 Ventura and a 2009 Solstice GXP coupe.

#### Car news and notes

#### The battle for No. 1

Ford CEO Alan Mulally has outlined plans to boost the carmaker's worldwide sales volume by more than 50 percent by mid-decade, putting it close to parity with the industry's two 800pound gorillas — GM and Toyota.

Toyota continues to struggle to resume full production and is certain to slip behind longtime rival General Motors — at least for 2011.

Volkswagen has long made it known it's in the hunt for the global sales crown. Ford is sniffing the chance to regain the lead it lost more than three-quarters of a century ago when it was still building the Model T.

However, Ford needs to revive its long-struggling Lincoln brand and rebuild its European operations, which have been lagging behind Volkswagen for the last decade. Mulally agrees the global goal will

require some real traction in Asia, which could account for at least onethird of Ford's volume.

Yet, Ford has had little success be driving the C-X75 anytime soon.

cracking the Chinese market, where GM holds a hefty 15 percent market share. Ford comes in at No. 4.

All carmakers appear to view China as the world's largest automotive market. Ford has counted on sales in North America to generate the lion's share of its earnings to date, placing emphasis on big, profitable trucks like the full-size F-150 pickup.

#### Only \$1.1 million per??

High-dollar lovers of British autos rejoice: Jaguar has announced plans to build a 200-mph hybrid super car.

The C-X75 will go 0-60 mph in three seconds (0-100 mph in six seconds) and have an electric-only range of about 30 miles. It will be made in the U.K. in a partnership with Williams F1, a Formula One engineering and racing team. Only 250 will be made — with a price tag of \$1.1 mil-

Jaguar has declined to say when it will start producing the C-X75 (it has begun a list for those interested in buying). But it's safe to say no one will

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**Stagecoach Days:** 

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August 13 - "Californio Day" -- The unique Fest, a free literary festival for all ages. The "Californio" cultural elements will be presented again this Saturday.

August 20 - TwainFest - The festival marks 101 years of Mark Twain's passing and celebrates the American author as well as some of his peers. Excerpts from famous works will be read aloud by costumed San Diego actors at a variety of park venues throughout the day. Charles Harrington Elster, local author of the popular vocabulary-building program Verbal Advantage and originator of the weekly public radio talk show "A Way With Words," will be performing for his second year at Twainauthor will appear in several venues of the free event in Old Town on Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Elster's first performance will take place in the historic courtroom of The Whaley House at 11:30 a.m. At 4 p.m., he will deliver a talk about Mark Twain in the Seelev Stable Theatre in the state park.

August 27 - Cattle Drive -- The California population exploded with the Gold Rush and hungry miners were paying top dollar for beef. Come learn about the hide and tallow trade. and join this weekend's cattle drive.

For more information, go to www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego

### **Spirits of Mexico**

The 2011 Spirits of Mexico Festival is set to showcase top agave spirits brewed by hundreds of distillers, September 11 to 18, in the heart of Mexican culture, Old Town San Diego. The event is the largest, most comprehensive festival of agave-based spirits in North America, and will be packed with seminars discussing the finest spirits, tequila tastings, cocktail challenges, authentic Mexican dishes and an awards ceremony.

Tequila Trail kicks off the spirited week on Sunday, Sept. 11. Sponsored by Vitzo Bacanora, trailblazers will sample the new Bacanora cream along with select tequilas and savor culinary specialties from 10 of Old Town's world-renowned eateries: Barra Barra Saloon, Café Coyote, Miguel's Cocina, Old Town Mexican Café, El Fandango, The Cosmopolitan, Casa Guadalajara, La Piñata, Rockin' Baja Coastal Cantina and Fiesta de

Top mixologists and bartenders are anticipated to put their best cocktail forward using Solerno Blood Orange Liqueur for the Solerno Liqueur Cocktail Challenge Semi-Finals and Finals. The Semi-Finals occur during the Tequila Trail at The Cosmopolitan Restaurant, and on Wednesday, Sept. 14, finalists will shake, stir and pour their hearts out as they compete in the Solerno Liqueur Cocktail Challenge Finals where the 2011 Official Spirits of Mexico Cocktail will be determined. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 for the Tequila Trail, which includes access to the Cocktail Challenge Semi-Finals. The final competition also has a \$25 entry fee.

A panel of experienced tequila connoisseurs will judge hundreds of agave-based spirits in private Monday and Tuesday for the 2011 Spirits of Mexico Tasting Competition

The Spirits of Mexico Awards Dinner and Tasting Reception at Barra Barra Saloon, Sept. 16, is when guests can sip world-class agave spirits paired with specialty cuisine infused with agave spirits. The Awards Ceremony, held in the Fiesta de Reyes courtyard after dinner, will reveal the winners of the 2011 Spirits of Mexico Tasting Competition. Dinner tickets can be purchased for \$85 per

Spirits of Mexico Festival's Main Event is on Saturday, Sept. 18, in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, Attendees can enjoy more than 200 styles of agave spirits. Seminars take place at intervals throughout the evening and a silent auction will be held benefitting the Sky Ranch Foundation. VIP tickets can be purchased for \$65 in advance; general admission tickets are \$50 in advance.

The Spirits of Mexico Festival is presented by Polished Palate and has been noted as 'one of four festivals not to miss' by 'O,' the Oprah Magazine. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.polishedpalate.com.



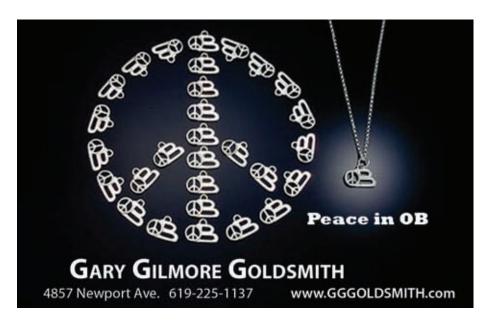


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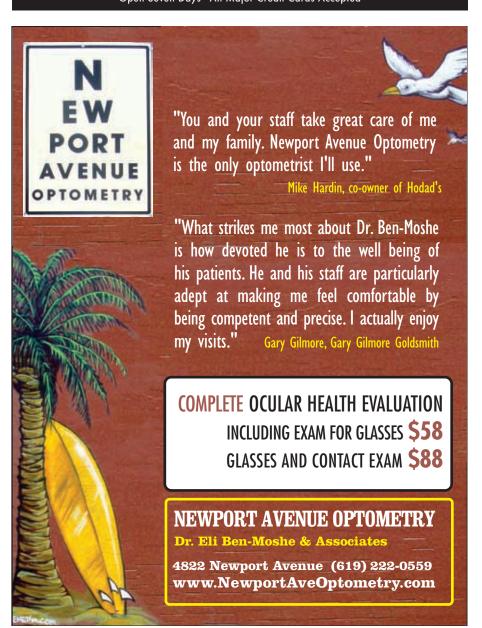


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## Indie by Design music fest helps level the playing field for artists

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

It's been 10 years since music showcase Indie by Design began in San Diego, and much has changed in the music business. Where it was once a rarity for any independent, or non-major-label-affiliated artist to score much success, major inroads have been made today.

While indie artists have yet to make it on the scale of Lady Gaga or U2, events like Indie by Design have created more possibilities than ever. The sky's the limit.

Organized by local musicians Danielle Lo Presti and Alicia Champion, the next edition of the mini music festival takes place on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, with music from Mosaic Four, Black Party Politics, Subliminal Trip and other artists to be added.

Though many advancements have been made, Champion said the effort to level the artistic playing field continues to be important.

"It's all the more relevant [today]," Champion said. "Indie is no longer a dirty word. Every year, it just becomes more a part of the main stream. I don't think people even recognize the difference anymore. You look at bands like Arcade Fire or Silver Sun Pickups — they're all independent, but they're right up there with Top 40 bands."

She said Indie by Design, like it's larger, annual sister event, Indie Music Fest, are not created to knock the mainstream or big business, but to advocate more of a

"Because the mainstream had such a huge advantage," Champion said, "we wanted independents to have an equal voice and now we're really heading that way. We've still got a good ways to go, but the progress is definitely very clear to see."

Champion said one of the reasons for the event's success is in the diversity of music to be found there.

"People so rarely listen to just one style of music. People have diverse tastes and we offer that at our events."

While Indie by Design is its own event, organizers also use it to spot talent and team players for the bigger music festival.

"It's become a tool to help us to discover bands for Indie Fest," Lo Presti said. "As time has gone on, Indie by Design has become a nice adjunct to what we do. It's a great way for us to try out new bands and see how willing they are to really work on their draw, to really be professional and be inspired when they play, without the risk that is involved when you put a brand new band you've never worked with before on a big stage at Indie

Very few events run more than a few years. Lo Presti attributes the longevity of Indie by Design to great music and having the right venue.

"(Manager) Shauna Aguirre, specifically, has allowed us to really have some fun with showcases." Lo Presti said. "When a venue is really into what you're doing, it makes all the difference in the world.'

Although she said she's happy to work with anyone, Lo Presti said the emphasis is on what it takes for artists to move from the club stage to the outdoor stages.

"We're looking for those people that go the extra mile, show generosity and flexibility and willingness to sacrifice a little for the whole show to benefit," Lo Presti said. "Those folks are the one's that just rise way up in our understanding of them. We want to work with them again, we want to put them on a great stage at Indie Fest. That's kind of how it works, because it's so rare to find."

Indie by Design takes place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at Humphrey's Backstage Lounge, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. \$5. Visit www.humphreysbackstagelive.com





The Indie by Design music festival, organized by musicians Danielle Lo Presti, left, and Alicia Champion, have helped level the playing field for independent artists.

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### Correia jazz group set to wow during concert series

BY SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

A local middle school jazz band plans to leave audience members in awe with its award-winning skills during this summer's final Point Loma Concerts in the Park finale Aug. 12.

Students from the Correia Middle School Jazz Ensemble will take the stage at 5:30 p.m. to deliver an hour of their smooth sounds before the ever-popular Rockola band closes the annual event. They plan to enthrall listeners with traditional jazz standards, as well as selections from the rock and funk genres.

Teacher/director Marc Dwyer has guided the ensemble as it has undergone tremendous growth for five years. In festivals, playing against other groups, the Correia group has consistently brought home ratings of "excellent" and "superior."

This year has seen the musicians rise to new heights, earning "unanimous superior ratings" at the California Association for Music Education (CMEA) /Jazz88 Festival, the San Elijo Jazz Invitational and the Music in the Parks National Competition.

At the CMEA event, solos were performed by students Spencer Gedestad, Thomas Herrin, Cole van den Helder, Dalton Omens, Erich McMillian and Daniel Benham.

The Correia kids were honored earlier this year to perform with legendary trombonist Bill Watrous.

But being in the company of professional musicians now seems routine for this group.

Dwyer has invited a range of accomplished artists to sit in during rehearsal sessions to inspire and instruct his students.

Those locals include frequent visitors John Rekevics, Glen Fisher and



Students with the Correia Middle School Jazz Ensemble, who have consistently been rated "excellent" and "superior" during competitions against other groups during festivals, will perform during the final Point Loma Concerts in the Park prior to Rockola on Aug. 12. Courtesy photo

Tim Nunnick. But nationally recognized pianist Rob Mullins and Grammy-winner Brian Lynch have sat in as well.

The Correia students have managed to accomplish all this despite shrinking school budgets. Since 2007, there has been no money allotted to purchase or repair instruments for aspiring students districtwide.

The summer concert board has adopted Correia's instrumental music program for the next three years — however, grants and donations from community members are always welcome.

Dwyer limits his group to a traditional "big band" format with four trumpets, five saxophones, four trombones and four rhythm instruments (guitar, piano, bass and drums). Students must commit to several beforeschool rehearsals each week.

Interested persons will find an information table set up at the concert by ensemble parents.

A trombone player himself, Dwyer received a bachelor's degree from The Juilliard School in New York City and a master's from Northwestern University. He still plays professionally and with the La Jolla Symphony Orchestra.

Other groups featured at this summer's concerts were the Recreational Music Center, Monarch School's Steel Drum Band, The Blonde Brothers and Glen Fisher's First Friday Kids.



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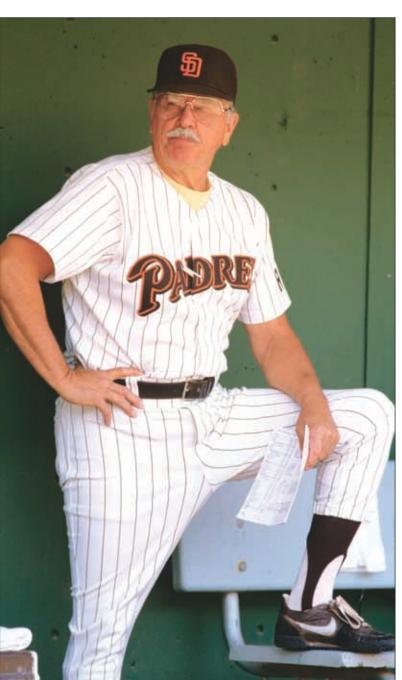
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Former Padres' skipper Dick Williams was the only manager in the team's history to never have a losing season under his management. Photo courtesy San Diego Padres

#### RICHARD HIRSCHFELD WILLIAMS: MAY 7, 1929 - JULY 7, 2011

### Reflecting on the Padres' fiery, tough ex-manager

BY SCOTT HOPKINS | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Fiery, Hard-nosed, Tough, Sharptongued.

Dick Williams was called all of these things and more during his time as a major league baseball manager. But if you don't remember the rotund skipper for anything else, know this: he is the only manager in the history of the major league San Diego Padres who never had a losing season. And, with the team's penny-pinching "small market" history, that fact speaks volumes.

His accomplishments as a manager earned him election to baseball's Hall of Fame in 2008, and the acerbic Williams admitted he broke down and cried when he received the notification. as it was affectionately known.

When Williams passed away July 7 from a ruptured aortic aneurysm in a hospital near his home in Henderson, Nev. at age 82, many fans and former players shed their own tears.

Born Richard Hirschfeld Williams on May 7, 1929 in St. Louis, he was an average athlete who played 1,023 major league games with five teams over a 13year span.

Later, he found his calling as a nononsense field boss who earned a reputation for turning losing teams around, young players.

His heavy-handed style of leadership often wore thin after several years, explaining his frequent change of employers from 1967 through 1988.

Williams was hired to lead the Padres in 1982 by legendary owner Ray Kroc. ber, among the greatest moments in He finished the '82 and '83 schedules with identical 81-81 records leading up that saw the Friars reach the World Series in 1984 for the first time in franchise history.

The traditionally-weak Padres soared to a record of 92-70 [during the 1984 World Series year]. The city was delirious as Williams' squad took the National League pennant in a miraculous comeback after losing the first two games - in blowouts - at Wrigley Field to the Chicago Cubs.

As a mini-season ticket holder, I exulted in the team's improvement under Williams, whicvh brought longoverdue electricity to home games at Jack Murphy Stadium, or "The Murph,"

His 1984 team included young pitchers Eric Show, Dave Dravecky and Andy Hawkins. Speedy Alan Wiggins batted first and was followed by the likes of Kevin McReynolds, Tony Gwynn, Steve Garvey and Graig Nettles. And crowds roared when Goose Gossage saved the

As a sports enthusiast and Padres fan, I proudly pinned my "Goose Saved the Game" pins to my cap, along with thousands of others.

The traditionally-weak Padres soared producing winners and breaking in to a record of 92-70 that season. The city was delirious as Williams' squad took the National League pennant in a miraculous comeback after losing the first two games — in blowouts — at Wrigley Field to the Chicago Cubs. I witnessed Garvey's famous home run clob-San Diego sports history.

Despite a World Series loss to Detroit to one of the Padres' greatest seasons in five games, Williams had again accomplished what other Padres managers couldn't.

Following an 83-79 season in 1985,

friction developed between Williams, Padres president Ballard Smith (Kroc's son-in-law at the time) and General Manager Jack McKeon. Williams was let go shortly before spring training began in 1986.

Williams also won pennants with Boston (1967) and Oakland (1972-73). Those Athletics teams won the World Series both years.

He is one of only seven managers to win pennants in both the National and American Leagues. Only one other manager in history has led three different franchises to the World Series.

And Williams is one of only two to lead four different teams to seasons of 90 or more victories.

Although some players disliked Williams with a passion, former Oakland A's pitcher Vida Blue perhaps spoke for most: "He got the best out of us."

Knowing how he was perceived, Williams said, "If guys can't stand the heat, they don't belong in the major leagues. I don't know anybody who refused the World Series checks I helped them get."

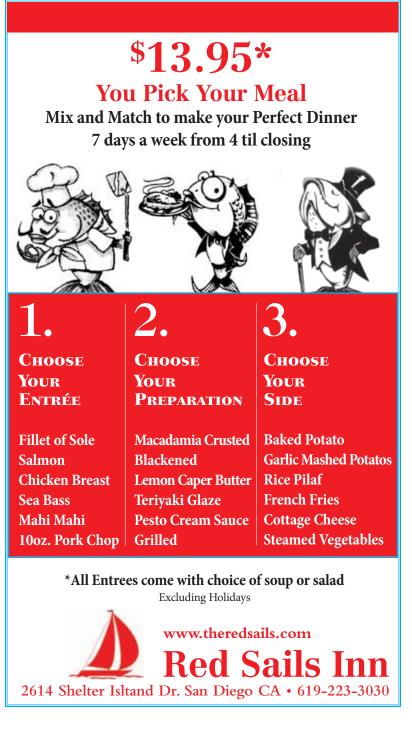
Williams recalled his managerial antics in a 1990 book "No More Mr. Nice Guy," that furthered his sharptongued reputation.

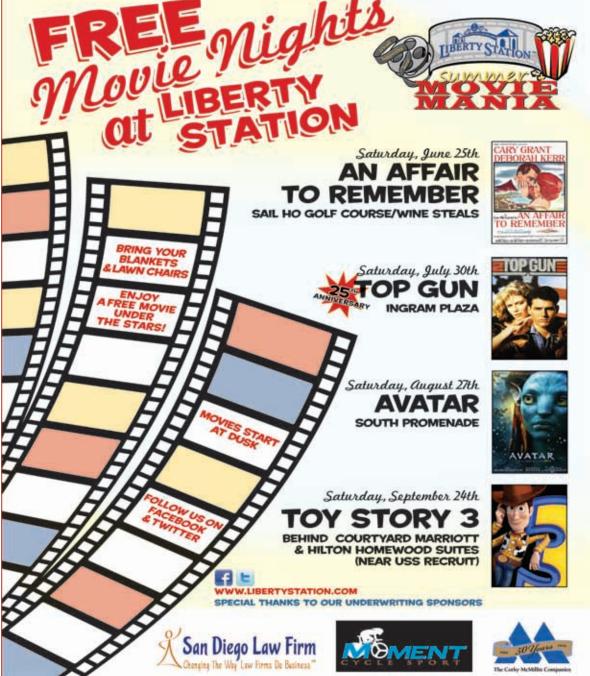
"(Williams) had great instincts on and off the field and you always knew where you stood," said former player Ken Harrelson. Speaking to a reporter at his Hall of

Fame induction ceremony on July 27, 2008 about his techniques, Williams acknowledged "I wouldn't last a week" with today's players.

Williams is survived by his wife, Norma, three children and five grandchildren.

As a Padres fan, I would simply say, "Thank you, Dick."









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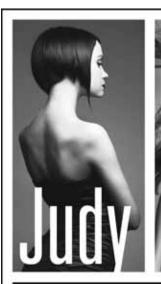
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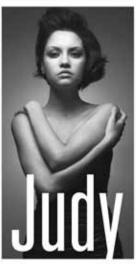
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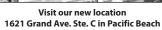














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Tennis legend Billy Jean King continues to make her annual trek to Point Loma to mentor young players during the World Team Tennis Junior Nationals. Photo by Dave Kensler I The Beacon

### Billie Jean King continues her youth mentoring in Point Loma

By DAVE KENSLER | THE BEACON

For more than 15 years, tennis legend Billie Jean King has come to Point Loma in August to spend a few days with more than 100 teenagers competing in a national tennis tournament.

"I love it," she said during her last visit to the Barnes Tennis Center on Aug. 2. "Being around teenagers forces one to look at life with more of a newness factor and to embrace the energy and vitality which young people convey."

The World Team Tennis (WTT) Junior Nationals is a tournament King created with 16 co-ed teams from around the country, with participants ranging in age from 14-18. For a number of years now, the event has been held at the Barnes Tennis Center in Point Loma.

While King is very hands-on in terms of giving lectures, coaching sessions on the court and sharing her rich life and tennis experiences, she has found over the years that some things with teenagers have changed and some have

"The biggest difference today, compared to teenagers 10 years ago, is social media," King said. "Teenagers are still communicating about many of the same issues, but now they use different means to do so. The format used has changed more than the issues."

King said that because of the emphasis on social media, parents and other "mature" adults in their lives who may not use that style of communicating are forced to pay even closer attention and listen to teenagers.

"I get questions from teenagers wanting to know the differences between falling in love and lusting after someone," King said. "We are all human beings with similar wants and needs. For me, it is very important not to pass judgment and simply listen."

However, King does not hesitate at offering her advice and opinions.

"You have to remember in this day and age teenagers live in a world of short sound bites," she said. "Yet I still remind them it is important to have eye contact when talking with another person. Every choice, no matter how big or small has a consequence as well."

Regarding one of the communication challenges between parents and teenagers is the rules by which parents restrict the freedoms of teenagers. On this issue, King has a simple viewpoint.

"I tell the teenagers their parents are trying to teach responsibility, because with responsibility comes the very freedoms they seek," King said.

The WTT Junior Nationals concluded at Barnes Tennis Center on Aug. 4. Each year, the event is open to the public and free of charge. For more information, visit www.wtt.com.

# Looking » ahead

Peninsula-area events, Aug. 12-20

FRIDAY, Aug. 12

• The Point Loma Association hosts its 11th annual **Summer Concert Series.** The free concert features top classic-rock combo Rockola, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Point Loma Park, located at Catalina Boulevard and Varona Street. All ages. For information, visit www.plconcerts.org.

#### MONDAY, Aug. 15

• Phil's BBQ of Point Loma hosts its third annual "Phil's BIG BBQ" to raise proceeds for Big

event features a tailgate party from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to that night's matchup between the Padres and New York Mets at Petco Park, Tickets are \$25, which covers admission to the tailgate party at Tailgate Park, a barbeque dinner hosted by

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ty. The fundraising goal this year is \$50,000. The

Phil's and a ticket to the 7:05 p.m. game. Dinner includes a barbeque chicken and rib dinner, two side orders and a soda. Tailgate Park is located south of Petco Park on 12th Avenue/Park Boulevard between K Street and Imperial Avenue. For more information and ticket purchases, visit http://www.philsbbq.net.

#### FRIDAY, Aug. 19

• The free "Movies in the Park" series returns with the featured flick "Shrek Forever After," the latest installment about the lovable ogre. Before the movie there will be face painting, jumpy houses, lawn games, Baron's gourmet hot dogs, popcorn and candy from Beach Sweets and entertainment by Point Loma DJ "Mike on the mike". The food, fun and games begin at 6 p.m., followed by the movie at around 7:45 p.m. The movie is 93 minutes. The event takes place at Point Loma Park, 1049 Catalina Blvd. For more information, call (619) 531-1534.

#### THURSDAY, Aug. 18

The Ocean Beach Historical Society hosts local author Kathy Blavatt, who is marketing her new book, "O.B.'s Weird, Wild and Wonderful." Blavatt's program, which begins at 7 p.m., will include her collection of interesting photos and stories from around Ocean Beach.

Blavatt grew up in Point Loma and Ocean Beach and is a small-business owner with her husband, Ray, in Ocean Beach. Her work includes art, graphics, photography, computer media, teaching and writing. Blavatt is also the creative director for the historical society. The free program takes place at the Point Loma United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. For more information, call (619) 222-0057, or email kblavatt@cox.net.

#### SATURDAY, Aug. 20

The National Lung Cancer Partnership hosts the second annual "Free to Breathe 5K Fun Run/Walk" for cancer research and awareness. The event begins at 7 a.m. at NTC Park in Liberty Station. For costs and details, visit www.freetobreathe.org.



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