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Planners down parcel plan at summit of La Crescentia Drive over safety concerns By TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON who lived there until his death in 1996 at the age of 97. Members of the Peninsula Com-

munity Planning Board (PCPB) reached a consensus that the summit of La Crescentia Drive, a windy, narrow road with an abundance of trees in the La Playa neighborhood that was once the home of jeweler and $community \ leader \ Joseph \ Jessop \ Sr., is$ a less-than-ideal place to build new houses.

The board voted 8-3 on Sept. 15 to recommend against a plan to reconfigure a 1.46-acre parcel at 414 La Crescentia Drive into three lots that would have paved the way for the construction of two new houses there.

The parcel is the largest of the 17 on the street and still contains the 1920s-era former home of Jessop,

The proposal would have redrawn the subdivision map to place the Jessop home on its own half-acre lot but leave the building otherwise untouched. City staff determined the home has no historical significance, according to the applicant's representative, Robert Furey of REC Consul-

The planning board, which is sanctioned by the city to gather citizen input on development projects and land use-related issues, heeded the testimony of several neighbors who were concerned about emergency-vehicle access and increased density.

Mike Bolton of La Crescentia Drive

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Taking a **STAND** for clean water



Hundreds of surfers took to water around the Ocean Beach Pier on Sept. 18 for the 20th annual Paddle for Clean Water event hosted by the San Diego Surfrider Foundation. The free paddle is a non-competitive event designed to bring the community together in the name of clean water and a healthy environment by encouraging participants to use any form of human-powered paddlecraft. Above, surfers and paddlers stretch down the beach underneath the pier while, left, others stream into the ocean. Bottom left, some paddlers get buffeted by waves. For information, visit www.paddle4clean-water.blog-spot.com/. Photos by Jim Grant I The Beacon





PCPB accepts chairman's resignation; replacement to be chosen in October

By TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

Peninsula Community Planning Board members were unexpressive Sept. 15 as they accepted the resignation of Chairman Suhail Khalil at their regular monthly meeting.

Without discussion, the board voted 11- $1\ {\rm to}\ {\rm accept}\ {\rm Khalil's}\ {\rm resignation},$ with Norm Allenby casting the lone dissenting vote.

The board also voted to select a replacement next month to fill Khalil's term, which ends in March of next year. With

be selected, said Helen Kinnaird, who is now the acting chairwoman as first vice

Khalil shocked fellow board members and onlookers last month when he abruptly announced his resignation in the middle of the meeting following a vote to investigate him for alleged improper communications with other organizations without first seeking approval from the

In the days following the resignation, and they'll support you.'

the replacement on board, a new chair will board members were abuzz with emails of support for Khalil. At one point, more than half of the 14 remaining board members were on record asking Khalil to reconsider his resignation, although he repeatedly refused to do so.

Asked when the meeting ended to explain his "no" vote, Allenby said it was an expression of loyalty to a good leader.

"I thought we lost a good man," Allenby said. "(It's) naval leadership 101: you support your leaders. Support your troops



Mary Rosa Giglitto, second from right, is shown with Donald Valadao (center, playing Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo) and other re-enactors during a visit by the Secretary of State for Portuguese Communites in 2002. Giglitto will be honored during this year's Cabrillo Festival for her longtime dedication to the Portuguese community.

Cabrillo Fest to honor Portuguese community's iconic past president

Popular landing re-enactment set Oct. 2 at Ballast Point

Mary Rosa Giglitto, a pillar of San Diego's Portuguese community for the last 50 years and a co-founder of the Cabrillo Festival, Inc., will be honored with a bronze commemorative bust at the 48th annual Cabrillo Festival in early October.

The two-day festival celebrating explorer Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, who founded San Diego in 1542, will be held Saturday, Oct. 1 and Sunday, Oct. 2.

Giglitto, who passed away Feb. 27, was known as the heart and soul of the Cabrillo Festival, having been a past president and playing a key role in launching the Cabrillo Festival in Ensenada.

Taking a page from Cabrillo's book, Giglitto set her sights on inter-

national waters, and in the 1970s grew San Diego's Cabrillo Festival to embrace other countries and cul-

"Mary is really the person who took the festival to



MARY ROSA GIGLITTO

an international level by involving Portugal, Mexico, Spain and the Kumeyaay [band of Indians]," said Jose Alves, whose blog offers historical tidbits of the Portuguese history in California at

corisco-california.blogspot.com.

Giglitto's enthusiasm and dedication to her culture also made her a

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News

Point Loman arrested for allegedly embezzling \$3M from Jack's La Jolla

By MARIKO LAMB AND NEAL PUTNAM

THE BEACON

Point Loma resident Tara Moore was arrested Sept. 14 in connection with the alleged embezzlement of millions of La Jolla after San Diego police served a believe were purchased with funds search warrant on her Plumosa Drive

Moore, 39, was arrested on suspicion of grand theft following a lengthy investigation into embezzlement that detectives said totaled more than \$3 million.

The ownership of Jack's La Jolla — a former three-level restaurant and nightclub on Girard Avenue that was shut down in August 2009 — appears to have made the decision to shutter the establishment as a direct result of the theft, according to police.

"It was critical to their decision to close down because they ran out of money and were unable to pay bills," said Lt. James Filley of the police department's Economic Crimes Unit.

"We've been examining bank accounts and other information provided by the business over the past vear." he said.

Moore, the former bookkeeper at Jack's, was a suspect from the beginning and remains the only suspect at this time, said Filley.

variety of accounts were used to funnel funds from the nightclub, which ultimately led to a search warrant on Moore's home. There, police seized more than \$400,000 in antiques, furniture, paintings, exotic Italian silk curdollars from the now-shuttered Jack's tains and other items that investigators

> embezzled from Jack's. In a Sept. 16 arraignment, Moore pleaded not guilty to three counts of grand theft and filing false documents involving the Jack's La Jolla case.

> Meanwhile, she has also denied embezzling from another business called David Robinson Design — something outlined in a fourth charge against Moore.

> Her defense attorney, Paul Pfingst, a former San Diego County district attorney, produced financial records at Moore's arraignment that included a signed repayment agreement between Moore and the restaurant owner, Bill Berkley, showing Berkley agreed to pay Moore back for loans she gave him to pay restaurant employees. It was dated May 15, 2009.

> According to these records, Moore repeatedly paid the restaurant workers when the restaurant had a cash-flow problem.

In statements filed by Pfingst, former workers said Berkley wrote checks that The investigation revealed that a often bounced and confirmed that

Moore was helping him by paying workers herself.

"We have a signed written agreement from the so-called victim saying that the money she took out was authorized and was appropriate and that it was owed," Pfingst told reporters outside the courtroom.

"Mr. Berkley acknowledged the debt to Ms. Moore," he said. She was well known to be supporting the business. The prosecution was unaware of these witnesses.'

Moore declared bankruptcy in 2009 and lost money as well in the restaurant venture, said Pfingst.

Deputy District Attorney Bill Mitchell said the arrest came following an investigation by San Diego police that involved a detailed analysis of bank

"She was loaning the victim his own money back," said Mitchell.

Moore's bail had originally been set at \$2.5 million, according to Mitchell, who urged San Diego Superior Court Judge David Szumowski to keep the bail figure high for what Mitchell called "an aggravated white-collar crime.'

The bail was reduced to \$400,000 on Sept. 16, however, and Moore was released that night after posting the bond, Pfingst said.

A preliminary hearing is set for



JAZZING IT UP FOR THE CROWD

Renowned virtuoso harmonica player Charlie Musslewhite sings the blues and plays for an appreciative crowd during the packed annuall Jazz 88 Ocean Beach Music & Art Festival on Sept. 10. Photo by Paul Hansen I The Beacon

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Motorcyclist seriously hurt in hit/run crash

Investigators with the San Diego Police Department's Traffic Division are probing an apparent hit-and-run accident in which a motorcyclist was seriously injured on Midway Drive and Wing Street. His female passenger was also hurt.

Police said the accident, which happened shortly before midnight on Sept. 16, unfolded when the male motorcyclist and the passenger were clipped by a late-model, red Chevy full-size truck with four or five male occupants. The truck was apparently turning into the Pacer's strip club parking lot and made contact with the motorcycle, police

The male motorcyclist, whose identitv was not released, suffered an open leg fracture. The passenger suffered several abrasions. They were transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening wounds. The truck reportedly fled the scene, said investigators. The truck is also described as an extra cab or a crew cab and will have damage to the left front fender.



Young anglers test their fishing skills at last year's Kiwanis OB Fishing Derby at the Ocean Beach Pier. Photo by Jim Grant I The Beacon

Kiwanis OB Fishing Derby set for Sept. 24

Local children will descend on the Ocean Beach fishing pier from $8\ {\rm to}\ 11$ a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24 in the latest installment of the Kiwanis Club's OB Fishing Derby.

Children 12 years of age and younger will compete for prizes while Kiwanians from Ocean Beach will be on hand to serve up punch and popcorn. Prizes will be awarded beginning at 11 a.m. to the child who catches the most fish, as well as those who catch Poway. However, his sentencing was the biggest, smallest and "ugliest or

most unusual" fish

Families are encouraged to fish together, but the fish must actually be landed by the child in order to be eligible for prizes.

Participants must bring their own fishing gear. Bait will be provided courtesy of the Ocean Beach Pier tackle shop. No fishing license is required for

Registration is free and is continuous from 8 to 11 a.m. in front of the bait

The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Beach, which contributed to the building of the pier back in the 1950s, has been holding this children's fishing derby for decades.

'We have this wonderful resource, the fishing pier, right in our backyard," said Kiwanis past president Jim Nickel. "We want to introduce as many children as possible to the pier and the joys of fishing."

For more information, visit www.oceanbeachkiwanis.org.

Police probe armed robbery at Heritage Inn

Two suspects are being sought in connection with the Sept. 14 armed robbery of the Heritage Inn on Channel Way in the Midway District.

The robbery took place shortly after 7 p.m. when two black males entered the front-desk area of the hotel. One of the suspects displayed a handgun and demanded cash from the female clerk. according to police investigators. The suspects then fled northbound on foot with the cash.

The gunman is described as being in his 20s, wearing a gray shirt and a baseball cap. The second suspect is also described as in his 20s and sporting dreadlocks.

There were no injuries and the police department's Robbery Unit is investi-

Sentencing delayed for 'Skateboard Bandit'

A former Ocean Beach man who pleaded guilty to robbing two banks as the so-called "Skateboard Bandit" will face a delayed sentence in the case.

Colter Stanley Johnson, 26, was to have been sentenced Sept. 2 for the July 2010 robbery of the Comerica Bank on Rosecrans Street and another bank in put off until Oct. 28.

Johnson now lives with his parents in Ramona as part of the conditions of his \$100,000 property bond that comes with a 6 p.m. curfew, according to court records

Johnson was arrested Sept. 2, 2010 after a witness saw Johnson fleeing the Poway bank on his skateboard and getting into a white sport-utility vehicle registered to Johnson's mother. Johnson struck the Poway bank for more than \$4,100 and was arrested near his Ocean Beach apartment near the intersection of Cable Street and Naragansett Avenue.

Johnson pleaded guilty in May to both heists, including the Comerica Bank case where he made off with nearly \$4,000.

U.S. District Court Judge Janis Sammartino could impose a maximum 25year sentence on Johnson, but it is more likely he will receive something between probation and eight years in federal prison.

— Neal Putnam



Participants prepare for fun and education during a previous "Sleepless San Diego" event at Liberty Station, hosted by the San Diego Rescue Mission. Courtesy photo

'Sleepless SD': don't take homelessness lying down

The San Diego Rescue Mission, will host its fifth annual "Sleepless San Diego" event at Liberty Station to raise awareness of homelessness. The funds help thousands of local homeless men, women and children put their lives back together, according to organizers.

The event will take place at 2700 Cushing Road beginning at 3 p.m. on Sept. 24 and concluding at 7 a.m. on Sept. 25. The cost to sleepers is \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door. Day passes are available for those unable to sleep out. The cost is \$20 in advance or \$25

The event will feature musical and dance performances and a movie about

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Master Gardeners to debut new autumn garden tour, market

By PATRICIA WALSH | THE BEACON

Driving through Point Loma, it's hard not to be struck with inspiration by the multitude of visually vociferous gardens. These Peninsula oases can help inspire one to get home and sow their own seeds to leave others a little green with envy.

with information and ideas — and just in time for the fall planting season the San Diego Master Gardner Association will host its inaugural "Autumn in the Garden Tour & Market."

The self-guided driving tour on Saturday, Oct. 1 will feature eight Point Loma gardens designed and maintained by their resident Master Gardeners, along with the garden at Silver Gate Elementary created with the help of two Master Gardener consultants.

Tickets for the tour are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the tour. The Marketplace will be held at Dana Middle School, 1775 Chatsworth Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Marketplace is free and open to the public and will feature Master Gardener hand-crafted garden art, as well as plants, books and food for sale.

"People get the impression that gardens don't look good in the fall. That's not so in San Diego," said Mickey Santina, tour co-chair. "Here, we're fortunate to garden year-round. Our focus is on educating the public. There will be demonstrations in gardens, exhibits, plant lists, and labeled and numbered plants."

The tour will feature a variety of garden techniques, including grassfree design, companion planting, vertical gardening to add visual appeal to small spaces, and sustainable and water-smart landscaping with drought-tolerant plants, vegetables, herbs and fruit trees.

Educational displays will focus on all things growable and desirable for the area climate, from composting to citrus care, birds to butterflies, and growing tomatoes.

This seedling San Diego event, inspired by the annual Master Gardener tour in Sonoma County, has been in the planning stages for two years and will be executed with the help of 150 volunteers, Santina said, Preparation included a bus trip to Sonoma for the annual tour there in June.

"This is new for the community and To help fertilize the imagination it is nice to have Point Loma on board." Santina said.

> Master Gardeners are a unique hybrid who combine horticultural expertise with volunteerism. They are trained and supervised by the University of California Cooperative Extension. Upon certification, members of the San Diego Master Gardeners Association agree to serve the community by volunteering at least 50 hours in their first year to provide the public with research-based information and technical assistance in the areas of home gardening, noncommercial horticulture and pest management.

> Tour tickets can be purchased in advance online at www.mastergardenerssandiego.org/gardentour, which includes a preview of all gardens on the tour.

> Tour maps and wrist bands will be available for pickup on the event day beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Marketplace at Dana Middle School.

> Proceeds from the tour benefit the nonprofit all-volunteer San Diego Master Gardener Association that has provided free home gardening advice throughout San Diego County for nearly three decades.

> Tour sponsors include San Diego Home Garden/Lifestyles magazine, Edible San Diego, Kellogg Garden Products, Coach America, Walter Andersen Nursery, Anderson's La Costa Nursery, Native Sons, Briggs Tree Company and Greatsoil.

> For more information, call the Master Gardener Hotline at (858) 694-2860 Mondays through Fridays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., or visit them onlne at www.mastergardenerssandiego.org.

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To register, visit www.Sleepless-SanDiego.org.

School improvements meet with celebration

Parents, students and staff at Dana

pletion of a \$25,000 project to upgrade the school's Ann Tripp Jackson Audito-

All funds for the project were raised by the community, including \$7,000 donated by more than 60 friends and family members of Jackson.

The state-of-the-art venue now boasts a new ceiling-mounted video projector, Blue Ray DVD player, digital signal-processing equipment and control panels paired with a new sound mixer. In addition, previous deficiencies were resolved by movement of the screen while audio issues, including annoying feedback, were eliminated by movement of speak-

The project makes the auditorium a

Dana Middle School, at 1775 Chatsworth Blvd., serves more than 800 students in grades 5-6.

Jackson, who passed away in 1990, was a former president of the Point Loma Association who led a lengthy community battle beginning in 1983 to prevent the San Diego Unified School District from selling off or leasing the expansive Dana site. Her efforts led to a permanent re-zoning of the site for edu-

Cleanup Day covers record number of sites

An estimated 8.000 San Diego volunteers joined forces last week to clean the Coastal Cleanup Day. Ocean Beach was among the record 90 cleanup sites scoured by volunteers in an annual event hosted by I Love a Clean San Diego and San Diego Coastkeeper.

Although site totals are still being assessed, coordinators estimate volunteers removed at least 100,000 pounds of debris during the three-hour event on

Unusual items reported by site captains included a cross bow, a laptop computer and dentures.

As part of Coastal Cleanup Day, each volunteer tracks the types and number of items found as during the cleanup. Organizations compile this data for the San Diego County region and submit it to the California Coastal Commission

and Ocean Conservancy to support legislation related to marine debris. Last year, the most common items found locally were cigarette butts (84,587), food wrappers (17,690) and bottle caps/lids (10,296).

For information, visit www.cleansd.org or www.sdcoastkeeper.org.

'Blessing of the Animals' set for Oct. 8

An annual "Blessing of the Animals" will take place Saturday, Oct. 8 at St. Peter's by the Sea Lutheran Church.

Vicar Joshua Serrano will conduct the short outdoor service at 9 a.m. in the church's parking lot at 1371 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

The event is held as a tribute to St. Francis of Assisi, commonly regarded as the patron saint of animals, and the selfless life he led.

All community members are invited to bring their furry, feathered or scaled friends to receive God's blessing.

"St. Francis made no distinctions in his love for his fellow man or in his love for animals," Serrano said. "In that great and ancient tradition, all are welcome, including every type of animal that brings joy and comfort in this world."

St. Peter's Lutheran Church has been a part of the Ocean Beach community since 1946 and has a congregation of more than 300. For more information, visit http://stpetersbythesea.org.

— Scott Hopkins



The four dogs who won the Helen Woodward Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon billboard contest (above), Nani, Ricochet, Dozer and Toby, surfed together in Ocean Beach to honor and remember the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks - both human and canine.

Canine surfers hold own 9/11 tribute in OB

The So Cal Surf Dogs got together in Ocean Beach on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks to pay tribute to America's human and K9 heroes who lost their lives that day, as well as those who have given their lives, or suffered since the war on terror began.

The dogs and their humans paddled out on surfboards, making a human/canine circle with their boards. They took a moment of silence, shared their sentiments and then threw flowers in the ocean to commemorate 9/11.

For more information, call (707) 228-0679, or email pawinspired@aol.com.

Boot Camp Challenge set to drill competitors

The Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) will host its 10th annual Boot Camp Challenge on Sept. 24. The challenge is a three-mile run that features the obstacles used by Marine Corps recruits, with intense "grill instructors" throughout the course, "encouraging" participants to do their best.

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Entry fees are \$35 per individual, \$105 per three-person team and \$175 per five-person team. All proceeds go to the quality of life programs for Marines and sailors at MCRD. The event begins at 3800 Chosin Ave., Bldg. 5 West.

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Phil Pace, right, owner of Phil's BBQ on Sports Arena Boulevard, hosted a reception for District 5 City Councilman Carl. DeMaio on Sept. 20 at Pace's private event center. Pace is throwing his support behind DeMaio in the 2012 city mayoral election, touting DeMaio's leadership and "proven record of advancing reform in city government." DeMaio is currently pulling out all the stops to collect enough signatures to put a comprehensive pension reform measure on the ballot next year to shift municipal workers to a 401(k)-style retirement program to save the city money. Photo by Jim Grant I The Beacon

Some mayoral hopefuls tout platforms

Point Loma forum shows serious side, silliness of early race entrants

By SANDY LIPPE | THE BEACON

Fans of the Jon Stewart Show would have loved the mayoral debate at Liberty Station in Point Loma on Sept. 17. Part of Politifest, an event created to celebrate ideas that shape San Diego's future, the crowd was welcomed by a comment from Voice of San Diego's Scott Lewis: "Politics is not a blood sport."

Gene Cubbison of NBC-7 was the moderator and divided the duties of asking questions, along with Voice of San the mayoral race. Diego editor Andrew Donohue.

dates vying for the office, including two major contenders: Democratic Rep. Bob Filner and Republican Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher. Both candidates brought a group of cheerleaders dressed in appropriate Fletcher and Filner shirts, carrying signs they waved early and often.

In his opening statement, Filner expressed his hope that the election would not result in "a third term for the status quo." He said he would like to see a pension solution other than the one prompted divergent views from the two involving the 401(k) for public employees — the comprehensive pension

DeMaio. Filner said he sees DeMaio's reform as "throwing city employees without social security under the bus." DeMaio and fellow candidate County District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis were noticeably absent from the debate. DeMaio has said he will not debate until after his work collecting the 95,000 signatures needed to put the pension reform on the June ballot is done, and Dumanis has stated she will not debate until after the March 8 deadline to join

Fletcher touched on the well-docu-The debate consisted of seven candimented problems plaguing the city. Describing himself as a leader who knows how to get things done, Fletcher insisted he has always been willing to sit down and talk with people he may not agree with. In regard to the comprehensive pension reform, Fletcher said he thought it would be able to "provide the fiscal foundation we need to really build upon in the future. And you can implement it in a way that's fair to the workers and fair to the taxpayers."

The issue of a new Charger stadium candidates. Filner said he loves the Chargers, but that he will be a tough reform being touted by District 5 City negotiator with the Spanos family.

Councilman and mayoral candidate Carl Fletcher said he sees the stadium as a venue that can be used all year long rather than for just a handful of football games, and that it will likely bring in tax money. He cited Indianapolis as an example of a city that reaps the benefits of renting out its stadium 200 times per

Both candidates faced the controversial medical marijuana issue head on with some agreement, hoping to implement the medical marijuana law consistent with state law. Fletcher, however, is against legalizing recreational marijuana.

Few surprises came from the two major candidates, but other candidates

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Correction

The address in the Beacon Readers Choice Awards' San Diego Trust Bank listing was wrong.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's put local artists' talents to good use

There are many works of art on utility boxes in the Ocean Beach area — all done with volunteer time by artists. It would be terrific if someone who is experienced with creating colors on the palette would come forward and, as a community service, over time repair the graffiti/tags that vandals have put on these paintings.

I and others eradicate graffiti regularly but we are not experienced, nor have the equipment to do the basic art repair/paintover. Nor do we care to use chemical removers on the art.

Greg Gieselman

Applauds PCPB vote to probe chairman

We would like to commend Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) member Nancy Graham and the other PCPB members who voted for an investigation into [resigned] Chairman Suhail Khalil's actions with regard to the group's

Upholding the integrity of the PCPB is of the utmost importance. Was it ignorance by design or indifference by intent that Mr. Khalil ignored the by-laws, despite serving on this board for more than five years?

It should be noted that Mr. Khalil was not forced to resign. He chose to resign. His penalty for this [alleged] violation would only have been a slap on the wrist.

The last person the community needs is an autocratic, elitist chairperson. As community members, we expect all the board members to work under the same approved rules, if you don't like the rules, work to change them — do not break them.

With a view to avoiding a recurrance of this episode, we would like to offer a couple of recomendations:

- · Have all board members sign that they have read and understood the PCPB's by-
- Letters that have not been approved by the full board should not be posted on the public PCPB website.

Val & Jim Gilhooly Point Loma

* Editor's note: The letter writer is referring to the Aug. 18 meeting of the PCPB, during which some board members raised

concern Khalil might have violated the group's by-laws by improperly distributing communication from board subcommittees to city employees and representatives of Naval Base Point Loma without approval from the full board. Some board members interpreted this as a violation of the by-laws and voted to investigate the matter, a move that prompted Khalil to resign.

Writer not happy with councilman's policies

I read with great interest the article ("Faulconer, OB planners at odds on beachfront variances, demolitions," Aug. 11 Beacon, page 1), about how [District 2 City Councilman] Kevin Faulconer does not [seem to] care about the character of our old, charming neighborhoods.

If you have ever gone to a City Council meeting — and anything [pertaining to] Ocean Beach was on the agenda — then you know first-hand like I do that Mr. Faulconer, in fact, does not care. He is all about density - at all costs.

He was perfectly happy to let a sevenunit condominium complex be built at the entrance to Ocean Beach in the 4800 block of West Point Loma Boulevard that would have been three stories high from street level, just inches from the sidewalk and with a setback way out in front of the conforming setback for the entire street.

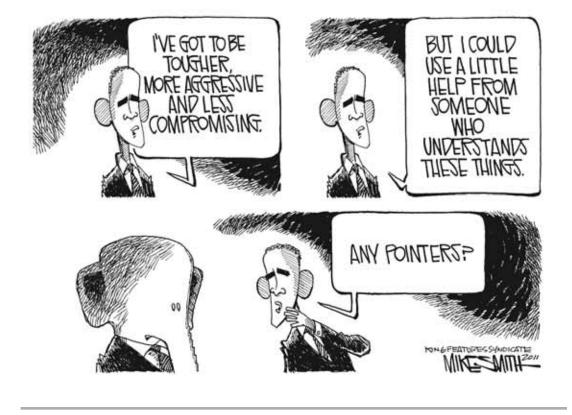
The architect was underhanded in presenting that this street is a block of twoand three-story buildings. Any moron driving down the street could see it is a block of all single-story frontages on the street. Because there is a slope down to Robb Field at the back of the street, some homes have a second level below street level.

This travesty was fine with Mr. Faulconer and he thought the architect was quite clever in his twisted presentation. Thankfully, that project never came to fruition and one of the homes that would have been torn down has been sold, so hopefully it is forever dead.

I am so happy to know that others are also aware of Kevin Faulconer's true character. He obviously thinks that Ocean Beach is not worth keeping as it is, and that new big condos should fill the lots, rather than Craftsman-style cottages that the area is known for.

Thank you for exposing this negative councilman.

> Trish Hausman Ocean Beach



Student murals unveiled at Union Bank

By KERRI DE ROSIER | SPECIAL TO THE BEACON

More than a year ago, members of the Point Loma Association (PLA) asked Point Loma High School art teacher Sean Wells if he was interested in painting a mural on a wall at Gus' parking lot on Rosecrans Street.

Mr. Wells dove into the project, and what began as a simple mural on a wall turned into a full-scale project with murals depicting the history of Point Loma.

With the help of Point Loma High School art history teacher William Bowles, Mr. Wells and students from his senior art studio and AP studio art classes painted six murals on 6-by-3 panels that were to be attached to the fence behind Gus.' But when PLA chairwoman Cecilia Carrick saw them, she determined they were too beautiful to be exposed to Point Loma's damp climate, and began looking at a safer, drier home for them.

As a result of the preservation effort, the murals were unveiled at a new home Sept. 9 at Union Bank at 1175 Rosecrans St. They will be on a rotational exhibit in a glass case built by local architect Bruce Cook on a wall facing Rosecrans.

The "exhibition" has begun with a self-portrait of the students who created the mural. They include Felecia Paye, Ilse Vega, GeGe Xu, Hannah Bokanoski, Angelica Ruiz, Haley Sakover, Efren Vega and Arturo Valverde-Martinez. All of the students have since graduated from PLHS, but a few returned to Point Loma on Sept. 9 to erosier@gmail.com.



Point Loma High art teacher Sean Wells, right, and former PLHS art student GeGe Xu help unveil a series of student murals depicting much of Point Loma's history. The murals are now contained in a glass case outside Union Bank on Rosecrans Street.

witness the unveiling.

The scenes depicted by the five other murals cover a lot of Point Loma history, including Kumeyaay Indians, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo's landing at Ballast Point, Father Junipero Serra, Portuguese fishermen and other sub-

For information, email Kerri De Rosier at kerrid-

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Lacrosse clinics open to interested vouth

Local youngsters interested in playing lacrosse can learn the game and gain valuable fundamental skills at a series Loma High School's (PLHS) varsity coaches and players.

Clinic groupings will be determined by skill level and gender at the first session on Sunday, Sept. 25. The clinic continues Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23. All sessions are being held on the PLHS field.

Elementary-age players will work from 9 to 10:15 a.m., followed by middle-schoolers from 10:30 a.m. to noon and high school players from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

A donation of \$50 is suggested for the five-session clinic. Participants should bring shoes, socks and bottled water or fluids.

Pre-registration is encouraged by contacting clinic organizer Carey Dawidzik at (619) 813-6768, or by email at plhslax@gmail.com.

- Scott Hopkins beach.com.

CrossFit OB opens, plans first adventure race

CrossFit Ocean Beach, a locally owned and operated facility at 1811 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., has opened its doors to deliver a fitness that is, by design, broad, general and inclusive.

The CrossFit program is designed for of Sunday clinics being put on by Point universal scalability, making it the perfect application for any committed individual regardless of experience.

Owned by Chad Timm and Philip Kavanagh, CrossFit is affordable smallgroup training comprised of real-world movements compared to "working out" or "exercising" alone in a sea of confusing, muscle isolating machinery designed for body builders.

CrossFit Ocean Beach is hitting the ground running with its first special event on Nov. 12 called the "Ocean Beach Urban Adventure Race." This one-of-a-kind event combines a scavenger hunt, CrossFit movements, Ocean Beach merchants, fun and prizes. The event will benefit the Episcopal Community Service's Domestic Violence Program in Ocean Beach.

For more information, call (619) 573-9689, or visit www.crossfitocean-

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kept the big crowd laughing and applauding. Furniture store owner Rob "Girly Girly" Harter spoke of empowering women since men, he said, have proven they cannot run a

successful world.

Loch David Crane, a Peninsula resident and former student of Filner's at San Diego State University, launched his opening address with this line: "I'm running to save my hometown from greed by the sea and decay by the bay."

He said his impetus for running

for mayor stems from the need to "change the water in the bong of city government."

Although the clock counted out 55 minutes for the whole debate, there was not one dull moment. Can Jon Stewart, with his newest Emmy in hand, say that about his program? Stay tuned for the next debate.



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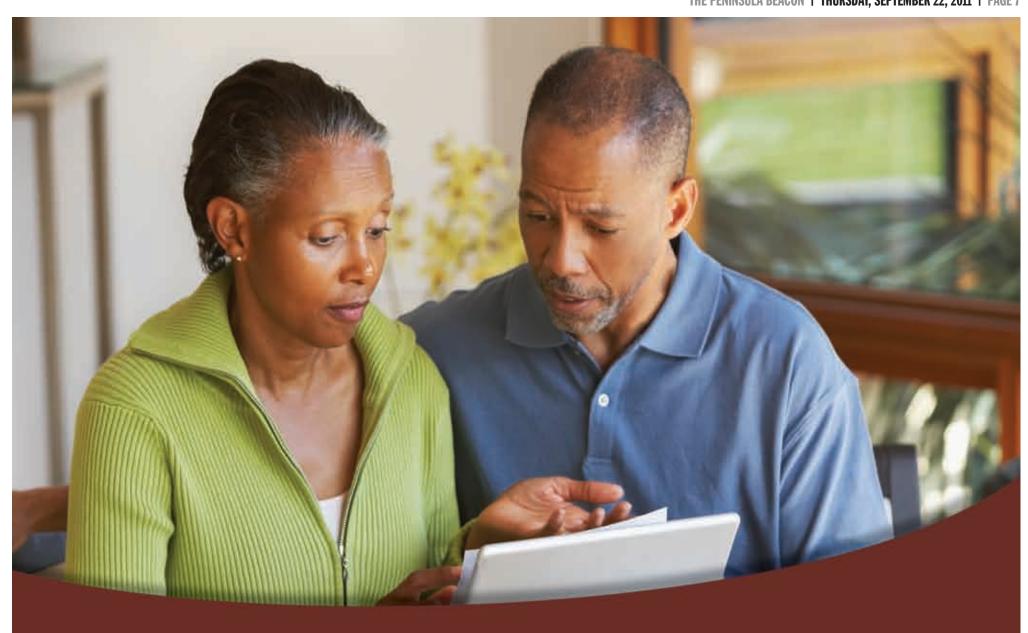
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Point Loma has the answers

A big misconception is that in order to get into good physical condition you need to workout to the point of complete exhaustion, that you would need to feel "burnt out" or so worked you can't stand. This is far from the truth in fact it's very opposite the truth. The reality is you should always feel good when you're done with a workout. It's ok to feel tired and worked but not sick or worse yet in pain. There is a difference between feeling a slight muscle soreness and pain from being injured. Exercising to the point of injury is unproductive and will always set you back in one way or another if not permanently. Everyone is different the key is to find your own level of exercise, what is good for you to keep you on motivated and progressing forward without injury.

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Classics draw hundreds of car enthusiasts to **Liberty Station exhibition**

The Car Club Council of Greater San Diego hosted a huge classic-car show at Liberty Station on Sept. 11, combining the exhibition with tributes to those killed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks 10 years ago. Dozens of classes of spectacularly restored autos drew hundreds of visitors to the event. The Car Club Council of Greater San Diego moved the show to Liberty Station after holding it for many years at Balboa Park. Photo by Jim Grant I The Beacon





Just Ask People's

Dear People's, The other day my friend told me that apples have two kinds of fiber. What the heck is he talking about?! Pete Abred

Dear Pete, Your friend is correct; apples are a source of both soluble and insoluble fiber. Soluble fiber helps to prevent cholesterol buildup in the lining of blood vessel walls, thus reducing the incident of atherosclerosis and heart disease. The insoluble fiber in apples provides bulk in the intestinal tract, holding water to cleanse and move food quickly through the digestive system. That's why some people refer to apples as "nature's broom."

Ocean Beach People's Organic Food Market is located at 4765 Voltaire Street.



Dr. Kenneth Anderson, formerly of PB Urgent Care, announces the opening of his new office **Anderson Medical Center** at 1945 Garnet Ave.

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Bus routes 35, 923 return to Cable Street pickups

If you don't want to miss your bus ride in Ocean Beach, don't wait for it on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard any longer. The bus routes along Cable Street are back on track after a long run of street work and repairs.

Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) officials said bus routes 35 and 923 began rolling down their traditional paths along Cable Street on Sept. 12 after being detoured along Sunset Cliffs Boulevard for the last year during sewer replacement projects.

MTS had installed six temporary bus stops on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard last October for Ocean Beach's two bus routes, which draw an average of 1,200 rides per day, said Rob Schupp of MTS. The detour was expected to last only until Memorial Day but had to be extended.

Route 35 runs between Ocean Beach and Old Town and the 923 travels between Ocean Beach and downtown. Operating on Cable Street makes these routes more convenient for riders, the majority of whom live west of Sunset Cliffs, Schupp said. Cable Street is also less congested, making trip times faster.

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- Tony de Garate



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Paranormal Activities on the Rise at Fiesta De Reyes

Perhaps due to Old Town's his- alone in Old Town. torical significance and a rise in vishave begun to make a stronger impact on the residents and merchants that reside within the town that saw the first European settletours and haunts conducted woman walk through a wall. around the town and in the state

The series of strange events at itor traffic this summer, the spirits Fiesta de Reyes in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park have ranged from nightshift security guards saying they hear children's voices to a busboy abruptly leaving ment on the west coast back in the Cosmopolitan Restaurant in the 1769. Not only are daily ghost middle of his shift because he saw a

Invisible hartenders seem to r park, but also a belief has been tice their craft as beer taps all of a behind the counter," said Randy growing among employees, locals sudden flow and blenders begin to Riccoboni, artist and owner of Bea-

the paintings at Beacon Artworks Gallery have been found standing on end in the middle of the gallery floor. People of Old Town are wonoccurrences or if these strange paranormal happenings becoming a reality.

and tourists that they are never whirr while the living staff are con Artworks Gallery. "It was who leads San Diego's only real

bumpy tile and I was wondering how this could be. I know there is paranormal activity here.'

Even the stars of the Travel Chandering if these are just random nel's "Ghost Adventures" have recently been in San Diego to investigate the haunted Cosmopolitan Hotel & Restaurant. Their guide, "I found a painting in the center Nick Groff, investigated the property once owned by Juan Bandini. The episode is set to air in September.

Ghost Hunter Michael Brown,

tending to their other duties and standing on its own on top of the ghost tours, says that during his walking tours, guests frequently have paranormal experiences and see strange things in Old Town.

"It is my belief that Old Town State Historic Park has become the new San Diego's most haunted location," stated Brown. "The ghosts have been here for hundreds of years and they aren't going anywhere soon

For more information on the paranormal activities, www.FiestadeReyes.com.





OBITUARY

Steven Marquez, 37, 'a brother to many,' passes unexpectedly

Steven Ulysses Marquez, 37, better forgotten. known as "Steve-I," was a bit of an icon in Ocean Beach. His quick wit was measurable by the sparkle in his eyes and his never-ending smile.

Steven worked at El Camino Cypress View Mausoleum and Crematorium as a groundskeeper. He left an everlasting impression on his coworkers by bringing in a smile every day, working through his lunch to lend an ear to families grieving for their loved ones, shining the statues on the grounds or reading the Bible.

Steven knew the Lord. Steven stood

for the right thing. He loved his family and especially loved being an uncle to his niece, Mia, and nephew Adrian. Steven was like a brother to many. He was always looking for the best in his STEVEN MARQUEZ friends and making



sure "we were all good."

Steven was born on March 25, 1974. He was the second son born to Estella Marquez and Gilbert Marquez. He is survived by his mother, Estella; father Gilbert: brother Gilbert: sister Jolene; niece Mia; and nephew Adri-

Steven was unexpectedly taken from us in August. Details of his passing are still unknown.

"Steve-I" will be missed. He made everybody feel loved and important. Steven loved that feeling of riding against the wind while on his skateboard. Now he's riding the winds of heaven. We will always be looking for "Steve-I" in the sky. He will thrive in our hearts forever and will never be

May you rest in peace, my brother. A memorial service was held at Immaculate Conception. A closed-casket viewing was held at El Camino Cypress View Chapel.

Donations can still be made to the beautiful farewell.

"Steven Marquez Memorial Fund," San Diego County Credit Union, Acct# 000418377900.

The Marquez family thanks all the friends and family who came together to raise funds to ensure Steven had a







Westminster Presbyterian Preschool

Due to a publishing mistake there was an error in the Westminster Presbyterian Preschool ad that appeared in the Readers Choice Award Section in the September 8th, 2011 edition of The Beacon. The ad referenced a 30th Anniversary Party to be held September 26th at Westminster Park. This was incorrect – the party was held last year – not this year. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused the students and parents of Westminster Presbyterian Preschool. Sincerely, The Beacon

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GIGLITTO

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mainstay of many other organizations. For many years on Pentecost Sunday, she stood on the roof of the United Portuguese S.E.S. (U.P.S.E.S.) Hall to organize entrants in the annual Holy Spirit parade. She was also involved in the annual Miss Cabrillo Pageant, where she coached and nurtured contestants.

For these and many other efforts, Giglitto was honored by the Portuguese government, the state of California and the city of San Diego.

Artist Kitty Cantrell was commissioned to create Giglitto's commemorative bust, which will be unveiled Oct. 1 during the Cabrillo Discovery Celebration Dinner-Dance at the U.P.S.E.S. Hall. Tickets for the 6 p.m. dinner, sponsored by Cabrillo Civic Club #16 and the Portuguese American Social and Civic Club, are \$40 per person.

The Cabrillo Festival officially begins at 4 p.m. on Oct. 1 at Spanish Landing Park on North Harbor Drive with a ceremony at the build site of the San Salvador — a replica of Cabrillo's original ship.

Spanish Ambassador Enrique Ruiz Molero is scheduled to deliver the keynote address. Entertainment will be provided by the Navy Band Southwest Brass Ensemble and Kumeyaay wildcat songs by Jon Meza Cuero and the

The festival's main event is the open house at Ballast Point on Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free to

Located at Naval Base Point Loma, Ballast Point is believed to be the actual location where Cabrillo landed 103 days after he set sail from Navidad on Mexico's west coast.

The festival



One of the most popular events of the two-day Cabrillo Festival on Oct. 1 and 2 will be the traditional re-enactment of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo's landing at Ballast Point in Point Loma Photo by Nicole Sours Larson I The Beacon

Cabrillo's landing narrated by Gary Correía will sail into San Diego Bay aboard the Californian. The ship from the Maritime Museum of San Diego is the official tall ship of California.

The day will include colorful displays of dancing, storytelling, music and food from Mexico, Portugal, Spain and native Americans. Eva Salazar will offer basket weaving demonstrations and staff and volunteers from Cabrillo National Monument will stage a 16th-century Spanish soldiers living-history encampment.

Staff and volunteers from the Barona Cultural Center and Museum will be on hand to tell about the peoples who inhabited the San Diego area before Cabrillo's arrival. The Portuguese Historical Center will have an exhibit and At 1 p.m. on Oct. 2, a re-enactment of the bust of Giglitto will be on display.

High Tech High School students will display their research about San Diego Bay and its peoples. Local artist and muralist Carmen Linares-Kalo will exhibit Aztec art.

Representing participating organizations will be 2011 Miss Cabrillo, Juliette Simões; 2011 Miss Kumeyaay Nation, Olivia Barrett; 2011 Oueen of the Casa de España, Carolina Stonehouse; and the 2011 Queen of the House of Mexi-

Cabrillo National Monument, located at the south end of Catalina Boulevard on Point Loma, is open daily from 9 a.m.

For more information about the Cabrillo Festival and scheduled events, visit the Cabrillo Festival website, www.cabrillofestival.org.



PARCEL

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said the area lacks a fire hydrant close enough to serve the property.

"These homes are in a wooded section. There's no way that area can be protected unless they bring in helicopters," he said.

Doug Holthaus, another La Crescentia Drive neighbor, said the road was too narrow and had too many switchbacks to allow easy access of a fire truck.

"Our houses would be gone" if fire erupted there, he said.

Furey said the owner had agreed to retrofit sprinklers to the Jessop home, even though it was not legally required.

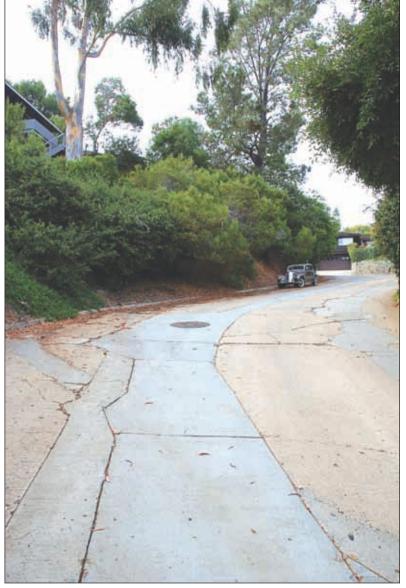
Anne Bolton said she wanted to avoid the repeat of a tragedy that occurred while she was principal of University City High School in which a student died in the weight room because help didn't arrive in time.

"Consider if it was your family at the top of that hill," she said.

Marcie Rothman, a neighbor from San Gorgonio Street, said such a building project also doesn't fit the community vision. "This is a really special area. Its character should be preserved," she said.

In other news:

• In her first meeting as acting chairwoman following the resignation of former chairman **Suhail Khalil,** First Vice Chair Helen Kinnaird made some suggestions " ... for the meetings to run smoother." She called on board members to refrain from interrupting others, avoid being redundant and confine all comments to the issue at hand. She also vowed to give each board member a chance to speak once before allowing someone to speak a second time. She informally appointed board member **Allen Jones** to give guidance on parliamentary procedures and board members **Geoff Page** and **Rebecca Michael** as references for the



A view looking up La Crescentia Drive, where local planners denied a parcel reconfiguration partly because of the difficulty of emergency vehicles to gain access to the steep, brushy property (at left) from the street. Other neighbors were concerned about changing the face of the neighborhood by building two new homes on the same site.

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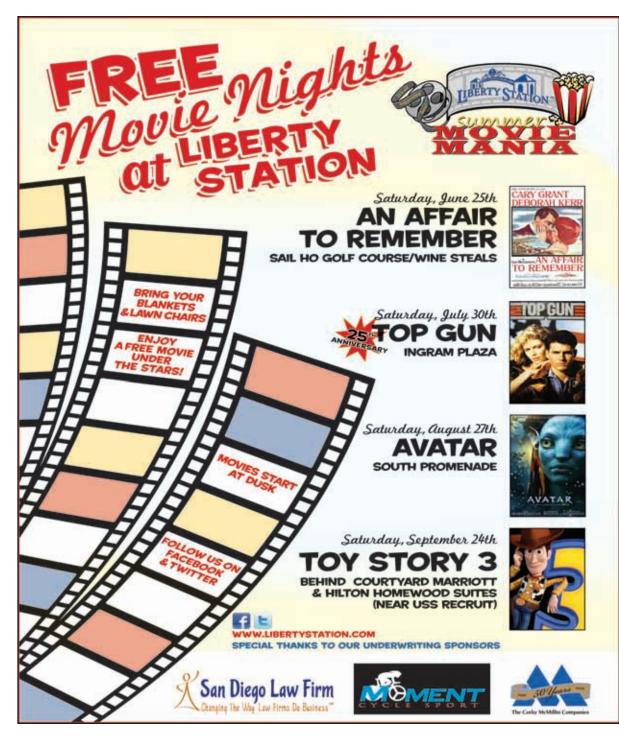
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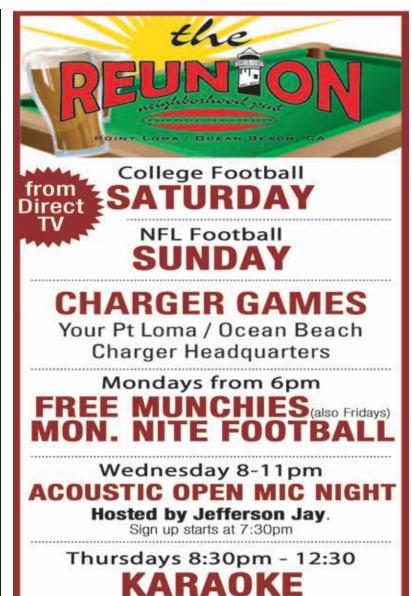
• The board **voted 9-1-2** in support of a **6,630-square-foot home** on a vacant lot at

889 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

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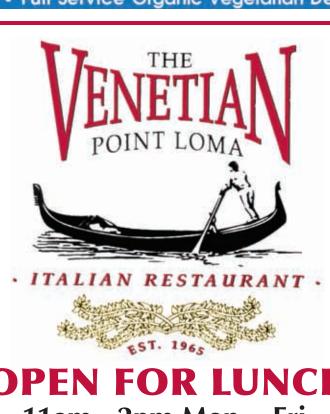
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Lazy Hummingbird abuzz with culture, coffeehouse blend

BY BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

If there's one thing Ocean Beach can't seem to get enough of, it's arts and culture. Add a good cup of coffee or a snack to the mix and you've got a match made

Such is the case with the Lazy Hummingbird, a new combination coffeehouse and arts center, in the site formerly known as the OBCentric Gallery, located at 4876 Santa Monica Ave.

Open since July 22, the venue may only have a capacity of three dozen people, but its reputation is already looming large within the community. Like its namesake, the venue is small, but is a blur of activity. Most aspects of OBCentric have not only been retained, but expanded, including its art gallery.

Open at 6 a.m., Lazy Hummingbird hosts activities both day and evening, with nothing starting later than 7 p.m. It's a unique mix. Like most other coffeehouses, it offers an open mic night (the next on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.), with solo performers like Bridget Allen on Friday, Sept. 23 representing part of the entertainment lineup.

Meanwhile, there are also regular trivia nights, but what really sets the Lazy Hummingbird apart is its mix of classes, which so far have included everything from upgrading vintage jewelry to lessons on tie-dye. Conscious of being "green," the latter has used new bed sheets donated by the Sunset Cliffs Inn.

While it's true the economy is tough. owner Danielle Eder feels she is filling a void in Ocean Beach.

"We don't have a late-night coffee shop in Ocean Beach," Eder said. "We don't have a place where you can go to study or read. It seemed like there was a need."

She said economic conditions are actually a little more favorable to her shop than perhaps a larger enterprise. "It just made sense," said Eder. "It's all really reasonable, cheap. Coffee and maybe a pastry is one of the cheaper things that people, if they are going to go out, will splurge on, versus a big dinner."

For Eder, being part of the community is key to the Lazy Hummingbird's early success, particularly when it comes to showcasing Ocean Beach's artists. "We want to support the community," she said. "They support us, that's kind of what we're there for. We're not opposed to others [from outside Ocean Beach], but we have so much great, thriving, art around us already, we just wanted some place where people can showcase it and display it."

Art is rotated regularly every one to three months, she said.

"We get fresh art in there constantly." Eder said, with the speed of replacement owing to a range of factors from how many pieces an artist has up, to how the art itself is received by the coffee shop's customers.

She said it is a bonus to have the creators of the works as neighbors, too. The Lazy Hummingbird also goes the extra mile for local businesses.

"We deliver by bike and foot," she said. "We rigged up a bike where we have the coffee pot in the middle and the cups around it. During the day, we deliver to the spas and area shops. At night, we take things to a lot of the bartenders who work in the area.'

Eder said the classes appear to be the biggest draw so far, with the regular clothing swaps in particular being "huge." With so many musicians in Ocean Beach, the open mic night is also popular and now held twice monthly on the second and fourth Tuesday of the

more information, visit http://lazyhummingbird.com/lazy_hum mingbird/Home.html.

'Showdown' to cook up competition

Liberty Station event to aid domestic violence support services

By LORALEE OLEJNIK | THE BEACON

San Diego's top chefs will come together in healthy competition to raise money for domestic violence awareness programs and support services during the seventh annual Center for Community Solutions (CCS) "Chef Showdown" on Thursday, Oct. 6 at NTC Promenade's Legacy Plaza.

To mark National Domestic Violence Prevention Month in October, San Diego's culinary masters will be coming together for an evening of food, drink, entertainment and an Iron Chef-style competition.

"Chef Showdown unites chefs, restaurants and community supporters around a common cause: to end relationship and sexual violence," said Wendy Urushima-Conn, associate director of development for CCS. "As a major provider of life-changing programs and services, many of which have been threatened by continuous federal and state budget cuts, we need increased local support to continue assisting more than 30,000 women, men and children each year who are affected by sexual assault, domestic violence and elder abuse.'

The CCS is a nonprofit agency that provides a range of community programs to prevent domestic violence and support victims of violence and sexual assault. The organization, founded in 1969, provides emergency shelters, legal counseling, a rape crisis center and a countywide 24-hour bilingual crisis helpline. It also offers services for men and same-sex couples. The Chef Showdown is one of the organization's major fundraisers of the year, raising about \$100,000 for outreach and advocacy programs, said Urushima-Conn.

According to statistics provided by CCS, more than 20,000 domestic vio-



Chefs from across San Diego, including culinary masters from the Bali Hai on Shelter Island, will match cooking skills during this year's "Chef Showdown" - an event benefiting domestic violence support services and awareness programs.

lence calls were made last year to San na in Pacific Beach. Diego law enforcement and, on average, about one-third of domestic violence calls are made by children. One in three women and one in 12 men have been a victim of sexual assault.

The competition, hosted by Sam Zien, also known as "Sam the Cooking Guy" and Chef Brian Malarkey, will feature chefs from restaurants such as Shelter Island's Bali Hai, Downtown's El Vitral, Harney Sushi, The Shores at La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club, and Kitchen 1540 at L'Auberge Del Mar.

Expert judges include Chef Bernard Guillas of the Marine Room, Ingrid Croce of Croce's Restaurant and Jazz Bar and Joe Busalacchi of the Busalacchi family of restaurants. The event is cochaired by Isabel Cruz of Isabel's Canti-

"Great food, great chefs, great drinks and all for the benefit of San Diego families in need," said Michelle Lerach of Cups bakery in La Jolla, who will be returning this year as a judge in the chef competition. "CCS' Chef Showdown is one of the best and most well-attended foodie events in San Diego, not only because the restaurant vendor-participants represent a 'who's who' of the best San Diego has to offer, but also because it is being held for such an important and worthwhile cause — eliminating family violence."

The event runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$125. For more information or to purchase tickets call (858) 272-5777 or visit www.ccssd.org. Sponsorship opportunities also are available.

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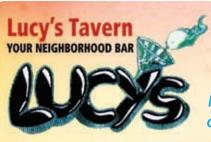
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Plans for Correia multi-use fields emerging

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

A dozen community members, including San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) board member Scott Barnett, heard a progress update Sept. 14 on the proposed transformation of the underutilized field space at Correia Middle School into a multi-field community athletic complex.

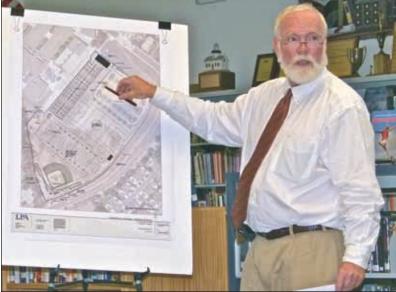
The project, which would provide practice and game fields to schools and community groups on the Peninsula, has been dubbed the "athletic master plan."

Still in the planning stages, three different proposals were presented for consideration by audience members, including representatives of local schools, sports programs and the nearby Penin-

The group was given a cost range, depending on options, that range from \$6.9 million to \$9 million. Because this project is not a part of the SDUSD's new, massive Proposition S school upgrade bond, the project would have to rely on other funding sources.

Jim Watts, director of facilities planning and construction for SDUSD, showed detailed site plans prepared by LPA, Inc., a company that has been assisting the district with the project. Each plan touted differing field alignments and a varying number of parking spaces.

As a result of previous meetings and through online opinion gathering, proponents found the community's most highly desired features at a future Correia complex were multiple-use field space for soccer, football, lacrosse and field hockey events, with seating for Prop. S improvements until 2017 and



San Diego Unified School District official Jim Watts shows highlights of one plan for improvement of the fields at Correia Middle School during a meeting at the campus last week.

baseball field at the site and night light-

SDUSD officials would add a two-story tutoring center on the Valeta Street side of the property that would have team rooms and permanent restroom facilities on the ground floor with a computer-equipped teaching space on the second floor. The structure would be about 4.200 square feet.

Watts said the higher \$9 million price tag would include synthetic turf on all fields — an option the SDUSD prefers and one seemingly shared by those in attendance at the Sept.14 meeting.

The Correia site is not scheduled for

spectators, continued use of an existing $\,$ the $10\,Point\,Loma$ cluster schools (Point Loma High, Correia and Dana Middle seven elementary schools) are scheduled for another \$52 million in improvements that have not yet been started, Watts said.

> One funding option, Watts said, would be for each of the 10 cluster schools to give a percentage of their future Proposition S funds to the athletic master plan. This option would, however, be in lieu of some planned improvements at each campus.

> Barnett, a project advocate who represents the district's beach-area schools, was quick to point out that no schools

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Dogs put hurt on Hornets in PLHS' lopsided opener

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

In the days leading up to the Pointers' big "Kick-Off" game Sept. 10 against Lincoln High, starting quarterback Zack Eischen was ruled out with a sprained neck.

Enter Point Loma High junior Sam

All Augustine did in replacing Eischen was throw for 179 yards and three touchdowns while completing eight of 11 attempts in a stunning varsity debut as the Pointers defeated a persistent Lincoln squad 42-21 before an overflow crowd at Pete Ross Stadium.

The Pointers rolled up 419 yards of offense and, unlike their season-opening win against Orange Glen, passing yardage edged out rushing by a 236-183 margin.

In rolling to a 28-14 halftime advantage, scores went to fullback Eric Bueno (short run) and receivers Matt Magers (46 yards), Jamal Agnew (32 yards) and Jaivon Griffin (21 yards), all on passes from Augustine.

The second half featured two long Pointer touchdowns. The first came when Hornet defenders were fooled by a third-quarter pitchout to leading runner Griffin, who pulled up and tossed a pass to an open Magers, who outran defenders to complete the 71-yard play.

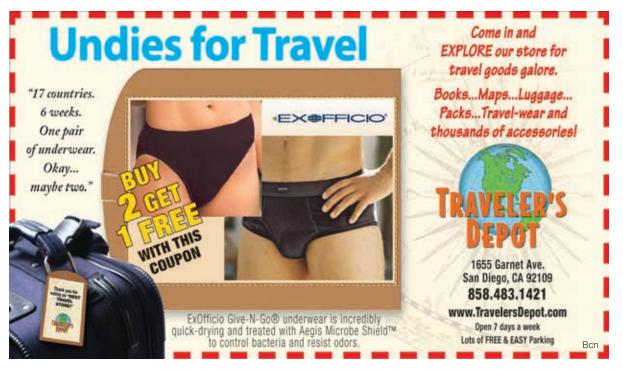
The Pointer defense struck in the final frame. When Aaron Watkins' hit on the Hornet quarterback produced a fumble, bruising defensive end Tevin Heyward lassoed the loose leather, sprinting 85 yards for the final Pointer points.

The Dog defense recorded four sacks while the offense did not commit a

The Pointers play three consecutive games on the road before a bye week leading up to the big annual nighttime Homecoming game at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 in the team's league opener against Hoover.



In his first varsity start for Point Loma, Sam Augustine (10) completed eight passes for 179 yards and three touchdowns to lead his team to a 42-21 victory before an overflow Photo by Scott Hopkins I The Beacon crowd Sept. 10.



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Pointers' mistakes costly in Mount Miguel payback

In a repeat battle between Point Loma High's snarling Pointers and Mount Miguel High's dapperly dressed Matadors, this was a night that belonged to the colorfully dressed cape-holders.

The 10th-ranked Matadors, using both size and lightning speed, darted and sped away from the mistake-prone

10 whipping by the Pointers in last year's CIF quarterfinals was clearly on their minds, and they celebrated this success like they had just won a county championship, complete with a Gatorade bath for their coach.

"Tonight, we just came out and didn't execute well," said Pointer head coach Mike Hastings. "I thought our defense played pretty well at the beginning. Any time you don't execute offensively and give a team short fields, they're bound to break through."

A scoreless first quarter was highlighted by Pointer Aaron Watkins' interception and excellent runback of a Mount Miguel pass. Watkins later had a

But on the second quarter's first play, the Matadors stung the Pointers with a long pass-run play that ended five yards from the Dogs' goal. The Matadors scored for a 7-0 lead.

Following the kickoff, the Pointers gave the ball right back on a pass interception at midfield. After a long run took the Matadors close to the goal, the hosts punched it in for a 12-0 advantage with 3:26 left before halftime.

At this point, it was still anyone's ballgame, but the Pointers were immediately bitten by the turnover bug again.

This time, it was an underthrown pass than simply bring the thief down. Nobody did and the Matadors went to

Pointer coaches, who usually make needed corrections during the break, didn't get much of an opportunity to see their strategies implemented.

After receiving the second-half kickoff, the Pointers coughed up the football again. The Matadors would then take advantage for a 27-0 lead.

emerged from a tangle of bodies to return the stolen ball 29 yards before Pointer Jaivon Griffin (5'6", 155 pounds)

The Matadors continued to punish



Running back Sydney Rush (20) of Point Loma sprints upfield last Friday against Mt. Miguel. Pointer turnovers led to 35 Matador points in a 41-7 losing effort. Kevin Desta (59) and Anthony Riccardulli (58) pursue. Photo by Scott Hopkins I The Beacon

began to boil over among players on the sidelines.

Griffin's emotions may have helped him pull off a lengthy run to the left side that earned his team's only score. With Ruben Diaz's point after, the third quarter ended at 34-7.

Following yet another interception, the Matadors finished their scoring with 6:39 left to play.

"They are a quick, athletic team," Hastings said. "They made a lot of plays tonight. So tip your hat to them, but this is just one regular-season game. We know that. Come playoff time, we'll probably see them again and it will be a different story."

The Pointers travel to Scripps Ranch on Friday, Sept. 23 for a 6:30 p.m. battle. The Falcons (1-2) have lost 35-0 to Eastlake, the county's top team, and to Poway, 41-21, before defeating Escondido 18-17 last week on the strength of a last-minute touchdown and a twopoint conversion.

The Dogs chased away the Falcons 21-14 last year at home.

BITS 'N' BITES:

• The 7 p.m. kickoff at Mt. Miguel was delayed while school officials and an electrician rushed to repair two of the six, huge light poles at the field. Both had been vandalized, reportedly by someone who stole copper wiring from the devices. Repair efforts were successful, preventing a possible postponement of the game.

• The Matadors used a type of "nohuddle" offense that may have contributed to their success. However, after receiving signals from sideline coaches, the quarterback moved from player to player along his line, apparently communicating the play to them and giving the Pointers additional reaction time.

• If you hear Pointer players humming or singing the Willie Nelson hit "On the Road Again," don't be surprised. Following Scripps Ranch, the Pointers play at Steele Canyon on Sept. 30. They the Pointers, scoring again on this have a bye week Oct. 7 before returning turnover to go up 34-0. The Pointers to the familiar confines of Pete Ross Stadon't find themselves in this deep a hole dium for Homecoming on Oct. 14 at very often, and anger and frustration 6:30 p.m. against league foe Hoover.

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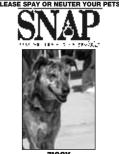
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Pointers during a 41-7 nonleague victory last Friday on the Spring Valley cam-For the Matadors, payback for a 34-

second interception.

picked off by a Mount Miguel defender, who returned his theft for a score. Pointer would-be tacklers seemed determined to deliver a bone-crunching blow rather

intermission with a 20-0 lead.

After the next kickoff, Pointer Morris Mathews broke his longest run of the season, covering 50 yards and sprinting deep into Matador territory. But again, the Pointers couldn't hold the pigskin and a massive Matador lineman

jumped on his back and rode him down.

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will be forced to pay for the athletic master plan project. He added that the district is in preliminary discussions about closing a number of school campuses in

If a school in the Point Loma cluster

were to close, Barnett said the school

San Diego as a cost-saving measure.

board would mandate that site's Prop. S funding remain within the cluster. Meeting participants urged the district to consider a large retaining wall along the Famosa Boulevard side of the

adjacent Cleator Park.

were also suggested.

Watts said district officials will further revise the plans to include feedback from this latest meeting as the project moves



Dr. Eli Ben-Moshe of Newport Avenue Optometry takes pride in helping young patients develop better reading skills and increase their aca-

Today's classroom challenges: Newport Optometry puts student vision in focus

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

skilled teachers at school and parents who read to their youngsters at home will combine to create academic success and a lifelong love of reading. These factors are important.

But a vital member of that team is often overlooked: the optometrist.

In modern classrooms, experts find more than 80 percent of material is presented visually. Computer screens, projected images from document-readers, textbooks, video screens and other technological devices thrust lights, words and images at today's children faster than ever, and young eyes can't always process them correctly.

Dr. Eli Ben-Moshe leaned forward in his chair to make a point during a recent interview about the need for regular vision screening among today's preschoolers and students.

"Blackboards are gone," he said. "There is often a lot more reflection Traditional thinking maintains that and distance" with the whiteboards and screens used today. "There may be two or three screens in different places, so you can't just tell your kid to sit closer to the board," said Ben-Moshe, the respected optometrist who has operated Newport Avenue Optometry at 4822 Newport Ave. for the last 16

One of Ben-Moshe's passions is helping children achieve excellent vision and the resulting success it brings in classrooms and sports

"The most common problem we see, and the most gratifying success for us in the office, is children with reading problems. We are able to give them glasses at a young age that allow them to read much more efficiently," said

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SUNDAY, Sept. 25

The San Diego County Sober Living Coalition will host its fundraiser "National Recovery Month this year's OB Christmas Craft Fairs from 9 a.m. BBQ Picnic" at Ingram Plaza at Liberty Station, 2756 Dewey Road. Events include recovery

games, team sports, a jumpy, a dunk tank, bands, a raffle, and hot dogs and hamburgers. The event takes place from noon to 6 p.m. Entry fees are 10 tickets for \$60 (presale) or \$8 each at the event. Children under 5 are admitted free. For more information, call (619) 523-5006, or visit www.sdslc.org.

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FRIDAY, Oct. 14

The Holy Trinity Concert Series hosts two musicians from the band Lunasa: Cillian Vallely (uilleann pipes and low whistle) and Kevin Crawford (flute, whistle bodhran). The duo will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the new concert venue next to the former stage at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2051 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. For tickets or informa-

SUNDAY Oct 16

The Ocean Beach Town Council hosts its annual Pancake Breakfast on the Pier from 7:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, (619) 846-6269, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

THESDAY Nov 8

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Point Loma wolf-dog headed for new digs at zoo

By MIKE RYAN | THE BEACON

Point Loma canine Koda, a breathtaking white hybrid wolf-dog, is headed to a new home at the San Diego

The 2 ½-year-old pet is believed to be 99 percent wolf but is very domesticated. His owner, Aaron Shepard, is headed off to college and said he can't give the animal the constant attention Koda needs

Koda has been staying with Shepard's friend, Ashley Greaves, who also owns two wolf-dogs of her own: Leo and 10-month-old Teddy Bear.

Greave's aunt, Alison Holland, is an animal trainer at the zoo and has offered to give Koda a new home there.

A frequent visitor to the Dusty Rhodes Dog Park, Koda attracts much attention because of his arched back, unique trot and his eerie and haunting howl.

Greaves said Koda, who was bottlefed at birth, is very intelligent, friend- shows at the zoo.

"Their reading skills will improve for

According to the Prevent Blindness

America organization, 25 percent of

school-age children have some form of

vision problem that, if untreated,

could affect learning ability, personal-

ity and adjustment to school. Within

the 10 Point Loma cluster public

schools, that could include as many as

the rest of their life," he said.

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1,500 students.



Koda, the white hybrid wolf-dog, stands with caretaker Ashley Greaves. Photo by Mike Ryan I The Beacon

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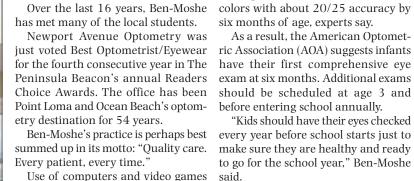


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is also taking a toll on today's youth, 'The progression of nearsighted-

ness is higher," he said, "and I expect it to be much higher with the next generation."

Years ago, school nurses routinely conducted vision screenings at local schools. But with reduced education budgets, parents must take their children for outside optometric exams, even if pediatricians have not identified deficiencies.

"We are often able to diagnose problems missed by school screenings and even pediatricians," said Ben-Moshe. "Many of these screenings test only for

distance. They don't test reading. They don't test the visual motor skills or the eyes' ability to move from one word to the next.'

There are other important reasons to have a child's eyes checked regularly. A recent Mayo Clinic study, for example, found children with certain vision problems were significantly more likely to be diagnosed with learning disabilities and attentiondeficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

And eyes, like the rest of the body, develop with growth. From black-andwhite vision of 20/400 at birth, brain development allows babies to see full colors with about 20/25 accuracy by six months of age, experts say.

As a result, the American Optometric Association (AOA) suggests infants have their first comprehensive eye exam at six months. Additional exams before entering school annually.

every year before school starts just to make sure they are healthy and ready to go for the school year," Ben-Moshe

The teen years are a prime time for the development of nearsightedness. While diet and nutrition are factors in healthy vision, Ben-Moshe displays more than 1,000 frames to help create stylish eyeglasses and sunglasses kids enjoy wearing.

He can also help parents decide if a child or teen is ready for contact lenses, which can be a crucial self-esteem builder for youngsters. Researchers found children and teens who wore contacts for a three-year period experienced a significant improvement in feelings about their physical appearance, acceptance among peers and ability to play sports.

Blurry baseballs are difficult to hit and catch, just one example of vision's role in sports. Custom sports eyewear of many different types is also available to help young athletes excel while protecting their eyes.

During the 16 years Ben-Moshe has practiced at Newport Avenue Optometry, school teachers, nurses and principals from every school on the Peninsula have contacted him to refer hundreds of children whose families cannot afford needed vision correction. In every case, the children have received comprehensive examinations and glasses at no cost from him.

"We require a referral from the school for free services," he said. "However, I talk with teachers of all our patients on a regular basis to explain what they can do to help their students succeed in the classroom. And that is easily the most gratifying aspect for all of us in the office, know-Kids should have their eyes checked—ing we've helped a child learning to read or become more successful in school.'

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