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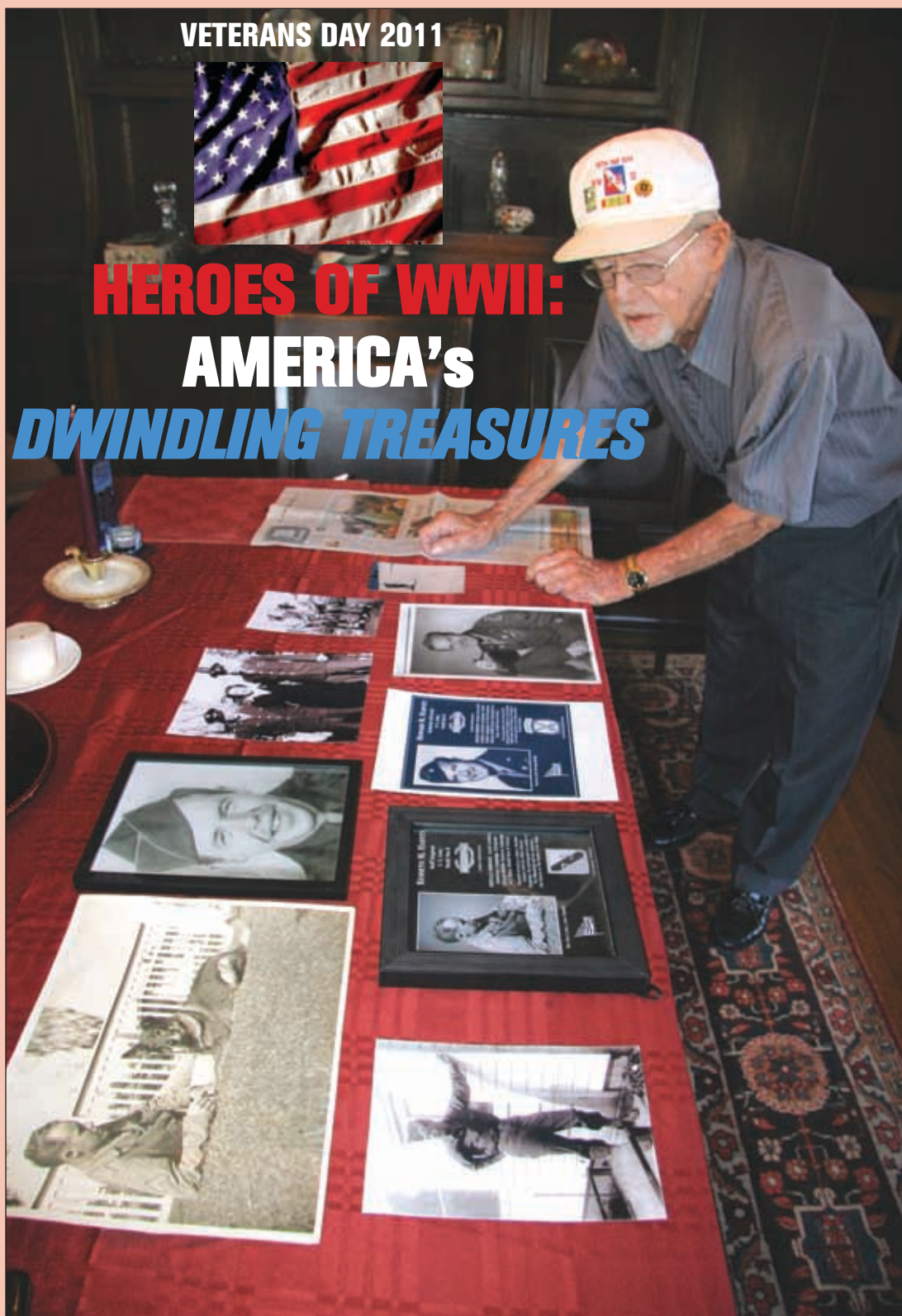
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VETERANS DAY 2011



HEROES OF WWII: AMERICA'S DWINDLING TREASURES



Ken Harvey of Ocean Beach pores over his World War II memorabilia. Harvey and his older brother, Howard, also of OB, were flown to Washington, D.C. last month by Honor Flight Network as thanks for their service during the war. Howard died Oct. 20, four days after returning from Washington, where he saw the World War II Memorial for the first time. Photo by Don Balch | The Beacon

Peninsula patriots honored with flight to nation's capitol



Ken Howard, standing at right, and Howard Harvey, in wheelchair, speak with former Sen. Bob Dole, a World War II veteran, outside the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. in October. Dole and Howard served in the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment. Courtesy photo

By TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

They've been called members of the Greatest Generation. Without complaint or protest, young American men by the millions were hurtled into harm's way overseas to defend this country in the early to mid-1940s. Now, more than six decades later and with Veterans Day 2011 rapidly approaching on Nov. 11, time is running out to honor our American veterans for their sacrifice. A recent trip to Washington, D.C. by two local heroes from the Peninsula has underscored the point.

In 2004, nine years after the dedication of the Korean War Memorial and 22 years

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Howard Harvey poses for a casual shot during World War II. Photo by Don Balch | The Beacon

SDUSD spares Cabrillo, moves to close Barnard

Trustees take original 14-campus 'hit list' off table

By PATRICIA WALSH | THE BEACON

Cabrillo Elementary School was removed from the chopping block Tuesday when The San Diego Unified School District scrapped its original plan to close 14 schools across the district to address its budget crisis.

In the new proposal presented Tuesday, Barnard Elementary School would be closed and the Mandarin Chinese language-immersion magnet program would be moved out of Point Loma. All other schools in the Point Loma cluster would remain open and operating at

their current grade configurations.

A final decision on the plan is expected at the Dec. 27 board meeting.

To generate an estimated \$21 million in revenue, the board also gave staff the go-ahead to explore the sale of the undeveloped portion of the Barnard school site; the Mission Beach administrative site, located on the beach near Belmont Park; and Bay Terraces 11, an empty lot in the Morse Cluster in Southeast San Diego.

Trustee Scott Barnett — who repre-

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School supporters line up outside the San Diego Unified School District offices before Tuesday night's board of education meeting. Trustees retooled their school closure and consolidation plan, taking Cabrillo Elementary School's closure off the table and putting Barnard elementary squarely in the crosshairs. Photo by Jim Grant | The Beacon

America's Cup returns to San Diego Bay after 16-year hiatus

By JOHNNY McDONALD | THE BEACON

At 30 knots, it's not NASCAR out there, but the America's Cup World Series can be as exciting — depending, that is, on the flow of the San Diego Bay tide.

Crewmembers will hang onto the gunwales for two weekends of competition in San Diego (Nov. 12-13 and Nov. 19-20) when nine boats take to the water in match and fleet activity. Entries will come from France, Sweden, Korea, China, United States, New Zealand and Spain.

Spectator gates for vendors and entertainment at the Broadway Pier will open each day at 10 a.m. and racing starts at 1 p.m. on a short-course version of Dennis Conner's swashbuckling Cup challenges on unpredictable water off Point Loma a few years ago.

This time the shorelines along Harbor and North islands and the Embarcadero will be filled with spectators getting a closer look as the boats slip past. The new AC45 wing-sailed catamarans provide a platform that has never been seen in the America's Cup — a boat that is both exceedingly quick and highly

Point Loma sailor to call TV coverage for America's Cup race

FROM STAFF & CONTRIBUTION

Point Loma resident Annie Gardner Nelson, an experienced announcer and former America's Cup competitor, will be calling the action during the return of the America's Cup competition in two weeks when it returns to San Diego after a 16-year absence.

Nelson will call the race action during television coverage from Nov. 16-20, as well as for spectators on shore watching from the America's Cup Village on Broadway Pier. Nelson, who was a member of



ANNIE GARDNER NELSON

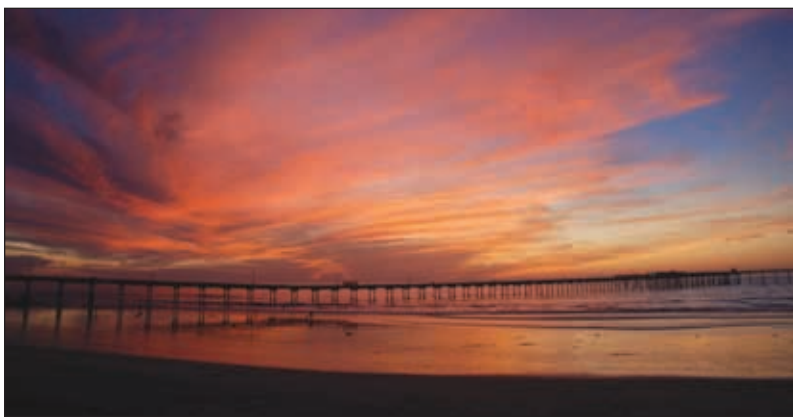
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Spectacular winter sunset

With the onset of winter weather conditions, sunsets at the beach can become even more spectacular than usual. These shots at the Ocean Beach Pier were captured by *Peninsula Beacon* photographer Jim Grant on Oct. 28.



Impact of lengthy Harbor Drive pipe project may be softened

By **TONY DE GARATE** | THE BEACON

A city water line that runs underneath the runway at Lindbergh Field must be moved to Harbor Drive next spring to accommodate airport construction, but the city says traffic impacts will be lessened because the work will be done at night.

The new pipe will run mostly along the eastbound sides of North Harbor Drive and W. Laurel Street between Terminal 1 and Pacific Highway, said John Harris of RBF Consulting, who addressed members of the North Bay Community Planning Board on Oct. 19.

The project, which should break ground next spring and take up to eight months to complete, will knock out two lanes during work times. However, all lanes should be available between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m., Harris said.

Another part of the project will replace 4.4 miles of pipe beginning on North Harbor Drive west of the boat channel.

This part will begin in the spring but will require 18 months to complete, said John Stohr of the city's Engineering and Capital Projects Department.

Besides North Harbor Drive, affected streets include Nimitz Boulevard, Rosecrans Street, Locust Street, Evergreen Street, Avenida de Portugal, Cañon Street, Hugo Street, Catalina Boulevard and Point Loma Avenue.

Both parts of the project will replace five miles of cast-iron pipe and one mile of asbestos-cement pipe at a cost of \$13 million, Stohr said. Over the next 10 years, 100 miles of cast-iron pipe, which was installed in the 1940s and 1950s and is now rapidly deteriorating, causing sinkholes and traffic messes, he said.

In other North Bay planner developments, Kenneth Rae has become the newest board member, replacing Tony Lombardi, who moved to Chula Vista. Rae is the vice president and director of employment services at Veterans Village of San Diego.

Female Wells Fargo robber handed 18-month term

A 53-year-old woman who robbed a Point Loma Wells Fargo bank was sentenced Oct. 20 to 18 months in federal prison.

Denise Lorraine Samuels pleaded guilty in June to stealing \$900 from the bank at 3505 Sports Arena Blvd., but the money was all recovered, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Orabona.

Orabona asked U.S. District Court Judge Dana Sabraw to give her two years in prison. Samuels' attorney, Todd Burns, sought either a sentence of time already served or a split sentence with some jail time and the rest in a halfway house.

Samuels was arrested a few hours after the bank was robbed on March 15. She held up the bank after asking for the manager and presenting a demand note.

The note specifically asked for \$900, and she remarked she "would start shooting" if she didn't get it, according to court records. She kept her hand in a bag and was given the money.

She was apparently homeless when she robbed the bank. She was given credit for seven months in custody, which will be deducted from her sentence.

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OB 'Skateboard Bandit' handed four-year sentence

By NEAL PUTNAM | THE BEACON

A former Ocean Beach man who was dubbed the "Skateboard Bandit" by investigators and who pleaded guilty to robbing a Point Loma bank was sentenced Oct. 24 to four years in federal prison.

Colter Stanley Johnson, 26, was allowed to remain free on a \$100,000 property bond until Dec. 5 over the objection of Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Lasater, who asked U.S. District Court Judge Janis Sammartino to remand him into custody immediately.

Johnson's attorney, James Pokorny, argued "he's not going anywhere." Pokorny presented the court proof that John-

son has paid nearly \$11,500 in restitution to three banks Johnson struck in a series of robberies, including the Point Loma location, saying the debt is "satisfied in full."

Sammartino recommended that Johnson enroll in a 500-hour drug program that is available in some federal prisons.

"I did an immature thing, and I blame no one but myself. I'm not a bad person. I apologize, your honor," said Johnson.

Pokorny asked for leniency.

"He felt he was at the end of his rope, turning to drug use to deal with the death of his fiancée," said his attorney. "Take into consideration the drug use."

Pokorny said he used some of the

stolen money to pay rent in Ocean Beach.

He was arrested in September 2010 by police after someone saw him leave on his skateboard and get into a white sport-utility vehicle later determined to be registered to his mother.

Lasater said a sentence of 37 months would equate to "a year per bank, and that was not a good message to deter bank robberies. He urged a 57-month sentence.

Lasater also said Johnson used the stolen bank money to pay for more than rent.

"He spent money on personal items and drugs," including marijuana and Ecstasy pills, according to Lasater.

Sentencing delayed one year for former OB Rec Center employee

By NEAL PUTNAM | THE BEACON

A longtime former city employee who worked at Robb Field Recreation Center in Ocean Beach showed up in court Oct. 27 with a cashier's check for \$40,000 to pay restitution he owed the city from embezzlement.

Rogelio Najera, Jr., 49, appeared before San Diego Superior Court Judge Eugenia Eyherabide for sentencing but received a year-long delay until Oct. 27, 2012.

"It's in his best interest to continue it

for a year," said Nancee Schwartz, his attorney, without elaborating.

Deputy District Attorney Leon Shorr did not object to the delay and Najera remains free on his own recognizance. Najera declined comment.

"Our main goal was to get the funds back," said Shorr.

Shorr said that while there were other funds apparently taken, it could not be proven in court that Najera was responsible for more than \$40,000.

Najera pleaded guilty July 21 to grand theft and Eyherabide dismissed two

counts of misappropriation of public funds and falsifying public funds accounts.

The city of San Diego and Robb Field are listed as victims, said Shorr.

Najera faces up to a year in county jail. Najera has been working at another job, which helped him come up with the restitution.

Najera worked in the Park and Recreation Department for more than 20 years and was at Robb Field most of that

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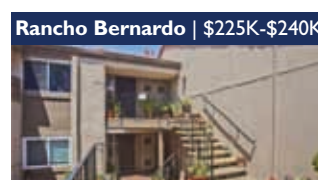
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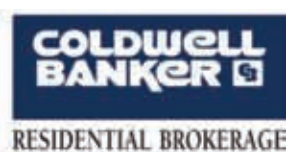
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Medical marijuana dispensary forced to shutter

The Ocean Beach Wellness Center was forced to close its doors on Oct. 18 after a San Diego Superior Court judge issued a sweeping statement that marijuana dispensaries are prohibited by zone in San Diego. The OB Wellness Center was among at least 12 dispensaries targeted in September by a lawsuit filed by the San Diego City Attorney's Office. The ongoing dispute over the legality of medicinal marijuana dispensary operations in the city and county — a controversy caused by conflicting federal and state law has yet to be resolved.

Photo by Jim Grant | The Beacon

Liberty Station to host SD Beer Week kickoff

By KAI OLIVER-KURTIN | THE BEACON

We've seen weeks dedicated exclusively to the patronage of local restaurants, but this time it's all about the beer. The third annual San Diego Beer Week (SDBW) kicks off Nov. 4 in Liberty Station, packing more than 300 related events into 10 days of rich, hoppy bliss.

Sanctioned by the San Diego Brewers Guild (SDBG), SDBW celebrates local craft beer from about 40 breweries in the county. Featuring events like brew master dinners, cheese and chocolate pairings, brewery tours, home-brewing classes and special beer releases, SDBW is positioned to showcase San Diego's prominence in the craft beer scene with many events taking place in various local restaurants.

"Some of the breweries don't have restaurants or brew pubs attached to them," said Marty Mendiola, SDBG president and senior brewer at Rock Bottom in La Jolla, "so Beer Week provides an opportunity for them to get involved, too."

Beginning as an annual beer festival at the WorldBeat Cultural Center in Balboa Park, SDBW's incorporation came after the SDBG observed other craft beer Meccas including San Francisco and Philadelphia achieve success with their respective beer weeks.

Outgrowing its original venue, SDBW festivities will begin with the SDBG Festival in Ingram Park at Liberty Station. Festival highlights include live bands on two stages, grub from local food trucks and beer tastings from about 30 breweries.

"Beer Week incorporates businesses outside of just the breweries," said Mendiola. "It's about getting the chefs and brewers together."

Also sponsored by the SDBG, the SDBW Beer Garden and Chef Celebra-



Beer enthusiasts clamor for a taste at a San Diego Beer Week event. This year's festival kicks off Nov. 4 at Liberty Station and ends at the Lodge at Torrey Pines on Nov. 13. Courtesy photo

"It's not about getting drunk. You should be able to taste the intended flavor and be eating food with the tastings. It should be a pleasant experience."

MARTY MENDIOLA
President, San Diego
Brewers Guild

"Having so many local breweries creates a competitive community and an opportunity for brewers to talk amongst each other and tweak their recipes," Mendiola said.

"I hate mediocre beer," he added. "I want it to be remarkable."

The SDBG, Mendiola reminded, encourages responsible tasting. The event, after all, is about exploring flavors, and moderation should be kept in mind.

"It's not about getting drunk," said Mendiola. "You should be able to taste the intended flavors and be eating food with the tastings. It should be a pleasant experience."

For more information and to search SDBW events, visit www.sandiegobrewersguild.org or www.sdbw.org.



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PLNU among best values for private universities

Kiplinger's Personal Finance announced Oct. 25 its annual best values in private institutions, naming Point Loma Nazarene University as among the private universities and liberal arts colleges that combine outstanding quality with affordability. PLNU ranked No. 67 out of all private universities.

Selected from a pool of more than 600 private institutions, the schools on the two lists were ranked according to academic quality and affordability, with quality accounting for the majority of the total. Criteria included admission and retention rates, student-faculty ratio and graduation rates, as well as data on cost and financial aid.

Each year, Kiplinger's assesses quality according to measurable standards, including the percentage of students who are admitted out of those who applied, the test scores of incoming freshmen, the ratio of students to faculty members and the four- and five-year graduation rates.

This year, Kiplinger adjusted its criteria to better reflect the issues affecting families. Now, the rankings give more weight to the four-year graduation rate — a measure of the college's ability to deliver academic support and of the overall cost to families — and to colleges that keep student debt down.

To view the full Kiplinger list of universities, visit www.kiplinger.com/tools/privatecolleges.

Historical society to eulogize beloved member

The Ocean Beach Historical Society will present "A Tribute to Ned Titlow — Tales of Ned!" in memory of a beloved local historian.

The presentation takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Point Loma United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

Titlow passed away on Oct. 29. He was the vice chair of the Ocean Beach Historical Society. His legendary stories and joy of growing up in Ocean Beach made him an integral part in teaching the history of Ocean Beach. For more information, visit www.obhistory.wordpress.com.

**NED TITLOW****Cook-off nets \$126,000 for domestic violence help**

Center for Community Solutions (CCS), a nonprofit agency that offers a complete range of sexual assault and domestic-violence prevention and intervention services, announced the recent "Chef Showdown: Taking a Stand Against Domestic Violence" fundraiser at Liberty Station raised more than \$126,000 to support the programs and services throughout San Diego.

Held at the Legacy Plaza at the NTC Promenade in Point Loma, "Chef Showdown" attracted more than 600 guests who sampled tastings from some of San Diego's most popular restaurants. A

team of culinary titans from The Shores, Kensington Grill, Harney Sushi, Truluck's, Kitchen 1540 and Sea Rocket Bistro faced off against colleagues from Sycuan Casino, El Vitral, Cups, Grove Steakhouse at Viejas, Sycuan Resort and Bali Hai.

As the only rape crisis center in the city of San Diego and a major provider of sexual assault, domestic violence and elder abuse services throughout the county for more than 40 years, CCS helps more than 30,000 local residents each year.

OB churches raise bar to feed hungry

To meet the nutritional needs of Ocean Beach's hungry patrons, the local ministries in charge of the daily food distribution are changing their menus to offer a healthier and fresher variety with on-site preparation at their nightly dinners.

Shepherds of Second Chances OB — a nonprofit outreach group that has distributed food to the community for many years — has teamed up with the Episcopal Church Center on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. The center is run by director Nancy Holland and has expanded to three on-site prepared meals a week, adding Thursday nights to their Saturday morning breakfasts and the existing Wednesday night dinners.

Contributors to these meal servings

are the Newbreak Christian Church and the OB One Baptist Church, offering funds and qualified volunteers to help in the Episcopal Center's spacious, well-equipped kitchen facility.

Tom Petersen, coordinator with The Way Church, oversees the dinner events and guides the 10 to 15 volunteers who participate.

During the Thursday dinner offerings, organizers said the number of hungry guests nearly doubled — from 80 to 150 people per night.

Gourmet items include cheese tortellini with fresh lobster, scallops and shrimp, Brazilian noodle bisque, three kinds of prepared chicken wings, legs and breasts and organic greens with fresh blackberries, strawberries and apples, nuts and cranberries.

Two main distributors of these products are the San Diego Food Bank and Feeding America San Diego. They have been delivering foods to Second Chances OB, which has coordinated the meal distribution in OB for years. Distributions topped out at 4,000 pounds of food per week, totaling more than 150,000 per year for Ocean Beach alone.

The dinners on Wednesdays and Thursdays begins at 5.30 p.m. Saturday breakfasts begin at 8 a.m. and also provide free legal aid and basic, professional medical service and referrals by doctors from the University of California, San Diego and UCSD nurses.

— Bianca Koch

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time. He was a city supervisor for most of the soccer and baseball games, little leagues and classes.

Najera's city supervisor at the time, Marcelina Reyes Aguilar, 47, was recently charged with two counts of unlawfully making or keeping false accounts with public money.

Aguilar pleaded not guilty at her Oct. 13 arraignment before Judge David Szumowski. She also remains free on her own recognizance.

Aguilar, who no longer works for the city, was not arrested, but instead was sent a notifying letter from the District Attorney's Office about being charged and the arraignment date. She will go through the routine booking and release procedure.

A preliminary hearing has been set for Dec. 15 for Aguilar.

In 2006, Najera's job at Robb Field was about to be cut from the city budget, but people signed a petition in support of him and his job was saved.

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After credit downgrades, Prop. S school money may be new battlefield

By PATRICIA WALSH | THE BEACON

The downgrade of the San Diego Unified School District's (SDUSD) long-term credit rating and unknowns over school closures are raising questions about the status of Proposition S dollars and the future school projects they are intended to fund.

Prop. S is the \$2.1 billion general obligation bond measure passed by voters in 2008 to repair schools.

At the Nov. 1 school board meeting, Ron Little, chief financial officer for the district, said downgrades by Moody's Investor Service and Standard and Poor's Rating Services would increase the cost of long-term borrowing for the district's general obligation bonds.

Lee Dulgeroff, executive director for the district's facilities planning and construction arm, told the board that Prop. S projects are increasing in cost and the program will now take 15-20 years to

complete instead of the planned 10 years. He said to fulfill all projects, it will be cost more than \$2.1 billion. He estimated the increase to between \$10 million to \$140 million, depending on the costs to issue bonds.

In his recommendation to the board, Gil Johnson, chairman of the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee that oversees Proposition S funds, said if the district moves ahead with its plan to close schools, the following action should be taken:

- There should not be any additional Prop. S-funded work done on schools to be closed.
- Any money that is saved from canceled construction work should not be used for new projects or to reshuffle existing project sequencing or priorities.
- Any funds saved should be used to accelerate existing Prop. S projects in accordance with original priority sequencing.

A multitude of projects, estimated to cost \$40 million to \$50 million, are slated for Point Loma's 10 schools. Added to the cluster's Prop. S list after the bond passed was a \$9 million multi-field sports complex at Correia Junior High.

Carey Dawidzik, who has been instrumental in the new lacrosse program at Point Loma High School, made a plea to the school board Tuesday to make the Correia complex a Prop. S priority. She told trustees that Point Loma is one of the smallest high schools in the district with limited playing fields. She said Correia was a good option because it's safe walking distance through nice neighborhoods from Point Loma High School and could be used for other non-sporting events like band and cheer squads.

Trustee Scott Barnett said he told the community there is no Prop. S money allocated for Correia, but believes funds could be raised to make it a reality.



Visitors get a glimpse at the financial straits of the San Diego Unified School District during a board of education meeting Tuesday.
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Options to fund the project could be individual fundraising efforts or use of Prop. S funds from other Point Loma schools.

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sents the beach-area schools — was the dissenting voice in a 4-1 vote and said he opposed the sale of land because it is “imprudent and gives more ammunition to those who think San Diego Unified is a mismanaged district to downgrade its rating.”

Over the last week, both Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's downgraded San Diego Unified's credit rating, citing the district's inability to cut spending to match revenue declines.

“Selling 100-year-old assets for one-time revenues to fund ongoing expenditures is foolhardy,” Barnett said. “I would rather keep properties and retain ownership and get ongoing revenues for years ahead.”

The district is facing a \$60 million to \$100 million revenue shortfall in next year's budget, which Superintendent Bill Kowba said could push city schools into bankruptcy and state receivership.

“The real gorilla is the financial markets, and the ability to borrow money is based on credit rating,” Kowba said. “Financial markets don't care about the quality of education.”

Ron Little, the district's chief financial officer, announced the downgrade from Standard & Poor's on Tuesday during the board's nearly six-hour-long meeting. The downgrades would increase the cost of long-term borrowing for the district's general obligation bonds.

After Little's announcement, the board voted 4-1 — with John Lee Evans dissenting — to hire a consulting firm for \$30,000 to examine the possibility of putting a new construction bond on the November 2012 ballot.

The district first announced its school closure plan in Point Loma on Oct. 3. The original plan would have saved \$5 million annually across the district and would have had impacted every school in the cluster except Point Loma



Michelle Brown, a science teacher at Dana Middle School, expresses her concerns to San Diego Unified School District trustee Scott Barnett on Oct. 27 after Barnett held a press conference at the school. Barnett, who said he wanted to halt the district's school-closure process, is proposing his own budget proposal, including a 10 percent pay cut for teachers. Brown expressed her objection to Barnett's plan, saying the district's financial woes should not be resolved on the backs of teachers.
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High School. Under the original plan, Cabrillo and Barnard elementary schools would have been closed. In addition, the unique 5-6 configuration at Dana Middle School would have been eliminated. The K-6 Mandarin Chinese language-immersion magnet program at Barnard would also have moved to Dana. All elementary schools would also have changed from K-4 to K-5 and Correia Junior High School would have changed from a 7-8 grade structure to a 6-8 structure.

On Oct. 24, a standing-room-only crowd of parents and students wearing red shirts packed Jackson Auditorium at Dana to decry the district's original plan. Days after that meeting, Barnett called for a halt to school closures because he said the district's coastal schools would unfairly take the brunt of the closures while unnecessary expenses were being made elsewhere.

He pointed to a school board vote just days before that rejected cuts to transportation, which he said would have saved the district \$9 million.

“It needs to be a shared burden across the district,” Barnett said. “I will not sacrifice a half-dozen schools in my coastal area when my colleagues will clearly not make the tough decisions in the rest of the district.”

On Oct. 31, Barnett presented his alternative plan to save the district from insolvency. In it, he supports keeping all schools open except the “decipit” Barnard Elementary School. He also supports merging Mission Bay High School with Pacific Beach Middle School to create a place for the Mandarin Chinese language program to grow into an academy.

The key elements of Barnett's plan include:

- a 10 percent salary cut for teachers to save \$60 million a year;

- a change in health care that would have employees bear the costs of health plans other than Kaiser to save \$12 million a year;

- delaying raises for teachers to save \$21 million a year ; and

- holding another election in November 2012 to pass a \$50 parcel tax to raise \$60 million a year, which he said would restore the salary cut.

In 2010, voters rejected Proposition J, which would have levied a parcel tax. The proposition needed two-thirds voter approval to pass and received just over 50 percent.

The district's new school closure plan also recommends — pending approval of a new bond — the construction of a high school to serve southwest San Diego.

The new gang at the James Gang

By LEIGH ANN BEARCE
SPECIAL TO THE BEACON

Well, we know you have all been wondering what's going on at the James Gang. So, here we are with the news on the new gang at the James Gang.

The James Gang has been in Ocean Beach since 1976. The James brothers were instrumental in starting such OB staples as the Christmas Parade, the Fourth of July Community Fireworks Show and the OB Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off. They were a driving force in Ocean Beach in the 1970s, 1980s and even into the new millennium. Over the years, brother after brother left to pursue other ventures, leaving brothers Rich, Pat and Pat's new bride, Susan, to run things.

With the loss of Rich in 2008, that left Pat and Susan. Over the last few years, they have been looking at the possibility of exploring new opportunities, a slower pace or maybe even semi-retirement. So, at the end of March, they were presented with an offer that included keeping the James Gang name and the involvement of two longtime friends and employees. Hence begins the story of the NEW gang at the James Gang.

The new owners are all Obecians: Bryan Bennett has lived in OB since 1991. He works for Qualcomm and has been there for 15 years. Jim and Elizabeth Berdeguez are new to the area. Jim retired in 2010 as a Navy captain, serving for 25 years. He decided that the San Diego area was where



The new James Gang, from left, Paul Bearce, Evan Wallick, Mel Serafine and Jim Berdeguez.
Courtesy photo

he and Elizabeth wanted to settle. They fell in love with OB and decided to make their home here. They have been Obecians since 2010 but have quickly adapted!

Now, these two guys would do just fine all by themselves, but they chose to partner with longtime James Gang employees Paul Bearce and his wife, Leigh Ann. Paul and Leigh Ann have been fixtures in OB since 1986. Paul has been at the James Gang for 18 years as the offset pressman. Leigh Ann has worked on and off at James Gang for some of those 18 years, but most recently, she has been and will continue to be, the coordinator of Loaves & Fishes — our local food bank.

These partners formed an alliance to purchase the James Gang while attending their weekly Life Group at First Baptist Church of Ocean Beach. They are committed to God, each other and the community. Continuing and building the longstanding community involvement and heritage the James Gang has enjoyed in Ocean Beach since 1976.



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Signs sit stacked before a rally by Point Loma cluster supporters on Oct. 25 outside a meeting of the board of education. The protesters rallied against the district's initial school closure and consolidation plan that would have affected every campus in the cluster except Point Loma High.
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after the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the country finally got around to honoring its World War II veterans with a similar tribute. On Oct. 16, Ken and Howard Harvey, two Ocean Beach brothers, returned from the nation's capital, part of a group of 30 local veterans honored for their service with an all-expenses-paid weekend to witness the World War II Memorial.

The trip was sponsored by the Honor Flight Network, which has provided airfare, meals and lodging for more than 120 veterans here, said Dave Smith, who chairs Honor Flight San Diego.

While the number of surviving World War II veterans continues to dwindle, their stories of gutsy determination and wartime horrors — and their ultimate victory against the Axis Forces — abound.

Here are the stories of two such heroes: the Harvey brothers of Ocean Beach.

Just months after his graduation from Point Loma High School, Ken Harvey was still a teenager when he got his draft notice from the U.S. Army in early 1943. He followed his big brother, Howard, a Pointer from the class of 1940, who had been drafted one month earlier.

Ken was assigned to the 75th Infantry Division and slogged a two-man, water-cooled machine gun while defending the northwestern flank during the Battle of the Bulge, one of the largest, most famous and bloodiest battles of World War II, fending off screaming mimis, German burp guns and a bitter winter in the densely forested Ardennes mountain region of Wallonia in Belgium toward the end of World War II.

"My feet were cold all the time, but I managed to keep my toes wiggling," Ken reflected before his Washington trip to the World War II Memorial.



Ken Harvey, shown in uniform during World War II.
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Howard, meanwhile, put on skis and negotiated the roughest of terrain in the mountains of Italy and the Aleutian Islands in Alaska as a member of the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, where he joined the likes of Bob Dole, a recipient of two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star with an Oak Cluster, who would later go on to become a senator from Kansas.

"We were like a great big ski club. We had some of the greatest skiers in the country in our division," said Howard, who served as a radio technician before the trip. "Nowadays, you don't do that in a war."

It was Howard who found out about the Honor Flight Network, which arranges trips monthly as funding allows and takes the veterans on a first-come, first-serve basis. Some 300 local veterans, now mostly in their 80s and 90s, are on a waiting list. One veteran died just a week before a recent trip.

"That shows you the urgency," said Smith, who founded the local chapter last year and hosts the trips.

Neither Harvey brother had been to the nation's capital before. For years, Howard attended reunions for his outfit, held every three years throughout the country and in Europe.

"There aren't many guys left now," he said Oct. 13, the day before the Honor Flight takeoff last month.

Ken Harvey, who uses a walker but still golfs weekly at the age of 87, was so excited about the Washington, D.C. trip he decided to skip the greens the day before takeoff to protect his back.

"That wasn't easy," he said.

The Harveys were told to meet at Lindbergh Field at 5 a.m. sharp on Oct. 14 for the weekend trip. Smith arrived at least a half-hour early, and typically, "half the guys are already there, ready to go," he said.

"I called one guy a week (before) and he was already packed," Smith said.

Fomer Sen. Dole is a big supporter of the Honor Flight Network and often appears at the memorial though he had not confirmed his appearance this particular time, Smith said. But when the veterans arrived, Dole was there with his wife, Elizabeth.

And there was one more surprise in store for Howard.

"[Dole] asked, 'Where's that guy from the 10th Mountain Division?' Then he made a beeline to my uncle," said Jim Harvey, Ken's son.

When Ken and Howard flew back to San Diego on Oct. 16, Honor Flight San Diego arranged for active military members in uniform to greet them at the airport.

"They were treated like rock stars when they were there and when they came back," said Jim. "My uncle [Howard] was just beaming."

Of the 16 million who served in World War II, there are only about 2 million who are still alive. Some have estimated



This shot, taken in early 1944, shows (from left) Ken Harvey, mother Evelyn Harvey and brother Howard Harvey as the men prepared to leave Ocean Beach for war. "It was just luck that we were both off at the same time," Ken recalled.
Photo by Don Balch / The Beacon

that 1,000 are dying every day throughout the world. Sadly, two days after returning from the Honor Flight trip to the World War II Memorial in Washington, Howard suffered a heart attack.

He was doing well at first, and was able to get up and walk around the day he was transferred from the hospital to Parkview Hospice in Del Cerro. But when Ken and Jim arrived the next day, the hospice staff informed them Howard's condition had declined.

Ken spent the night in the room with his brother, sharing a bedroom for the first time since boyhood.

"That generation, they weren't brought up to say, 'I love you' between men. But they got to talking about how

glad they were to have been brothers, how glad they were to have made the trip together," Jim said.

Jim recalled that Howard told him how he would recite the 23rd Psalm for strength during wartime, so he got the idea to lead a prayer.

"I started flubbing it up, so Howard, who was going in and out of consciousness, picked it right up where I left off and finished it, all the time squeezing my hand strong and tight," Jim recalled.

Howard died a few hours later.

A memorial for Howard Harvey will be held Nov. 4 at 11 a.m. at Point Loma Presbyterian Church, 2128 Chatsworth Blvd.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA) honored the community's cream of the crop last week for individual and merchant spirit and a wealth of contributions for the betterment of Ocean Beach.

The annual awards dinner, ceremony and annual meeting was held Oct. 27, drawing nearly 200 participants to witness the honors—including guests **Mayor Jerry Sanders, District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer** and county Supervisor Greg Cox.

The awards were presented by the committee chairs of the respective subgroups of OBMA, and the association's new officers were publicly introduced.

The OBMA's new officers are: **Barbara Iacometti**, president; Julie Klein, first vice president; Mike Akey, second vice president and outgoing president; Yvonne Cruz, secretary; Mike Stifano, treasurer; and board members Dave Smedley, Mark Schlesinger, Gary Gilmore, Dave Martin, Mary Orem, Craig Gerwig, Tevia Schriebman, Chris Wilmot and Matt Kalla.

Schriebman chairs the OBMA's Promotion Committee, which evaluates ideas about how to market and promote Ocean Beach in coordination with other committees. The committee presented awards to the following:

- **Hodad's (Mike Hardin)** — Patriotic Service Award
- **Ocean Beach Surf & Skate (Lanette Jorgenson)** — Business Award for the Best Use of Social Media
- **Lighthouse Ice Cream (Carol Ladiges)** — Business Award for the Most Enthusiastic Community Spirit
- **Shannon Brown, Brown Marketing** — Business Award for Outstanding Marketing Strategies

• **Pacific Shores (Kariann Medina)** — Business Award for 70th Anniversary in Ocean Beach

• **Joe Ewing, photographer** — Community Player Award Lifetime OB Press Pass Award

Akey chairs the Design Committee, which helps direct the visual elements of the Ocean Beach business districts, including signage, planting, tree trimming and utility-box painting. The committee presented awards to the following:

- **South Beach Bar & Grill** — Sunflower Award for the Best View Expansion
- **Sessions Public** — Sunflower Award for Outstanding Use of a Small Interior Space
- **Ashley Lewis, Dog Beach Design** — Sunflower Award for Community Beautification through Banner Designs
- **Therapie Day Spa** — Sunflower Award for Serene New Use of an Interior Space
- **Victor's Salon Spa** — Sunflower Award for Vibrant New Use of an Interior Space
- **Electric Ladyland** — Sunflower Award for the Most Creative Design & Use of an Interior Space
- **The Inn at Sunset Cliffs** — Sunflower Award for Outstanding Landscape Redesign

Gilmore chairs the OBMA Economic Restructuring Committee, which works to increase prosperity for the community by working with businesses to improve business. The committee presented awards to the following:

- **Sarah Chavez**, associate civil engineer — Community Player Award
- **Seth's Chop Shop** — Community Player Award



Shown are winners of the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association's Special Awards on Oct. 27. Winners are, from left, Katie Elsbree, Craig Gerwig, Barb Iacometti (OBMA president), Julie Klein, Mike Akey (past president), Pat James and Susan James. Courtesy photo by Joe Ewing

• **Starbucks** — Community Player Award

• **Electric Ladyland (Paul and Lynn Bolton)** — Business Award for providing an All-Ages-Friendly Entertainment Venue

• **The Joint** — Business Award for Outstanding Restaurant Revitalization

Klein chairs the OBMA Crime Prevention Committee, which works with police officials and community advocates for the betterment of the community. The committee presented awards to the following:

• **SDPD Officer David Surwilo** — Community Partner Award

• **Greg Gieselman** — Community Partner for Outstanding Efforts with Graffiti Abatement

• **Union Bank** — Community Partner Award

• **Point Loma Masonic Center** — Community Partner Award

Iacometti, as incoming president of the OBMA, honored several community members with Special Awards:

• **Katie Elsbree** — 25th anniversary of Dollars for Scholars Award

• **Craig Gerwig** — Outstanding Community Volunteerism Award

• **Julie Klein** — Community Caretaker Award

• **Susan and Pat James** — Dedication to the OB Community Award

• **Mike Akey** — Four-Year Presidential Award

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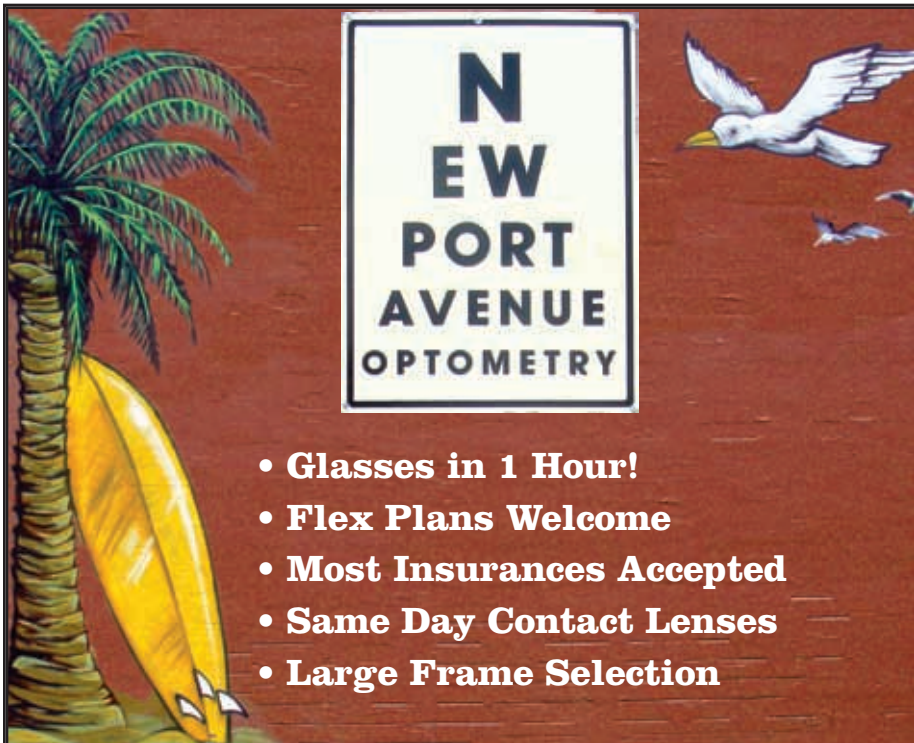
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Jefferson Jay launches new open-mic gig at Reunion

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

In a city full of outsize musical personalities, Jefferson Jay is one who truly stands out.

A serial overachiever, Jay is prolific to a fault. A gifted performer in the tradition of Frank Zappa or Syd Barrett, Jay hosts his own gigs, guest spots and music releases. But since last Thanksgiving, he has been posting three videos a day on YouTube: an original song, a cover and a clip he shot of another performer. On Friday, Nov. 11, Jay will release his fifth album, "Gift to Be Alive," with a CD-release show at The Griffin.

While Jay has certainly made an impact with his own projects, his biggest contribution to San Diego has been as a promoter of other artists. He has staged various music series at numerous venues around San Diego, including La Jolla's Athenaeum, but where he's really made his name is as a host of open-mic nights around town. Having hosted events at eight venues over the last nine years, he's started up a new one at The Reunion, 2205 Mendocino Ave. in Point Loma, on Wednesday nights from 8 to 11 p.m.

"I love to give people an opportunity to perform, to pump them up and make them feel great when they do it," said Jay. "Everybody has something special to offer and I like giving them a place where that can happen."

With his hosting skills and a large group of musical friends, he said the show can have a variety-show feel at times — a big change from his previous open-mic nights.

"This one is only acoustic," he said. "Due to neighborly considerations,



Jefferson Jay, who has had a long career as a musician, promoter and open-mic host, has started a new gig at The Reunion in Point Loma on Wednesday nights.

Courtesy photo

we will not be accommodating all the fine bands and heavy-metal guitarists for whom volume is a big part of their sound," he said. "As fun as that is, this is a cozy room and a cozy part of town, so we won't be making a giant ruckus. Just a reasonable-size, acoustic ruckus."

Aside from the acoustic-only guidelines, Jay said he's open to all styles of music.

"I am looking for kind people with something to share, friendly people who can contribute to a community of musicians," he said.

Further, participants need not worry about being critiqued negatively, either, he said.

"I am not a judge," Jay said. "There

is no Simon Cowell at my shows — ever."

In addition to weekly hosting, he also performs a song or two as the occasion dictates.

"I've seen hosts who put themselves at the prime spot and milk their moment every week," he said. "I like making the performers the stars. I have my Jefferson Jay Band for when I want to be in the spotlight."

He said there is a bit of synchronicity with the venue's name.

"I love that the place is called The Reunion," Jay said. "It couldn't be more fitting. I've been out of the open mic loop for a little bit right now, so it is a reunion indeed for a lot of my friends from the old days, who are finally getting to hang out again."

Jay has been a big part of San Diego's music scene for over a decade, but he said slowing down is not an option.

"Honestly, I don't take this life for granted," he said. "I think there is a lot that people need to do to make the world the kind of place we can leave to our children and grandchildren proudly. I take that kind of stuff seriously and music is my medium of choice most of the time."

Past endeavors include radio broadcasting and acting, but music is clearly where his heart is.

"Music is what my friends and I do, but to me, the point is the message: 'Why are we here?' 'What matters?'" he asked. "Love and treating each other right, that's what matters. That's why I do music. That, and it's fun."

Jefferson Jay hosts at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at **The Reunion**, 2205 Mendocino Ave. No cover. 21 and up. www.jeffersonjay.com

Mayfield: rockin' in the free world

By SEAN WOODARD | SPECIAL TO THE BEACON

Thomas Mayfield might be a fitting character for a history book on the American West, a tall tale or even a spaghetti western *a la* Sergio Leone — but you won't find him in any of these.

He is the central character in a debut concept album written by San Diego band Mayfield, which bears his name. After recently performing at the *Driftwood Creative Arts* magazine's coffeehouse event in the Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) recreation room, Mayfield, featuring Ben Bartel, Matt Long, Erin Lancaster and PLNU alumni Ben Barnes and Jeremy Clifton, performed a live show at the venue Across The Street in the University Heights District. The place may not have been larger than a college dorm lounge, but it was packed.

Before the four musicians went on stage, they expressed high expectations for the show.

"We're going to rock people's faces off," said Clifton.

Although harmony vocalist Erin Lancaster was unable to put in an appearance, the band played its set, filling up the venue with a folk rock/bluegrass sound. After their eight songs were finished, the venue's manager congratulated the band.

The band's set list consisted of original material centering on the story of Thomas Mayfield.

"The story of Thomas Mayfield is one in which the character essentially comes unglued," said Barnes. "So it's set in the 1800s. This guy's an ex-preacher who locks himself in a cabin to deal with the death of his wife. You find out later on that the reason she is gone is because he killed her for cheating on him with the town sheriff."

Bartel explained putting the story of Thomas Mayfield to music was a way

of dealing with things in his own life.

"It took a darker tone ... [and] it was a strange coincidence that helped me deal with stuff," Bartel said

One song Mayfield performed that stood apart from the Thomas Mayfield story was entitled "A Song For Staying In." It's a love song, its about putting everything aside just to spend some time with that special person who is dear to your heart.

Harris Smith, a junior media communications major at PLNU, stated his favorite song from the show was "Shotgun Philosophy." The audience joined in with the band by singing a chorus of "Oh's" and clapping along with the beat.

"The [band's] stage presence was comfortable, very comedic," Smith said. "There was no sense of dullness. There was always of sense of movement within the show, and the crowd seemed to be very into it. ... The intimacy that the band showed each other was very inspiring in the fact that a group of guys can come together, create great music and sound friendship."

Mayfield's show at Across The Street was one of many that they have been putting on as a way to promote their upcoming debut album, which will be released next month by Pacific Records. Their next major performance will be at the House of Blues San Diego in November.

Lauragrace Barnes, a sophomore music composition major at PLNU, expressed high hopes for the band. "I think they have the potential to be big. ... They're a fun group, their music is great, and they are good performers," she said.

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"I think the competition in San Diego Bay is going to be fantastic," said Iain Murray, regatta director. "The racing will be very close to shore, which means it will be great for spectators. The short courses will also be very challenging for the sailors, who will need to execute their crew maneuvers flawlessly to be successful."

San Diego marks the third stop on the tour, which awards points for both overall match and fleet racing championships. The 2011-12 series concludes July 1 in Newport, R.I.

"I am really excited to race in San Diego again," said Bertrand Pacé, the skipper of the French Aleph team. "I sailed in two Louis Vuitton Cups there in the 1990s and I learned an awful lot about the America's Cup. To go back and race AC45s in the bay will be completely different."

The AC45 was designed by Oracle Racing design and engineering teams and is manufactured by Core Builders Composite of New Zealand. It's 44 feet in length, 22.6 feet wide, has a 70-foot mast, 8.8-foot draft and weighs 3,080 pounds. The wing area is 914 square feet.

The two United States Oracle boats had mixed results in the first two events, winning the match racing and placing third in fleet at Portugal and a fifth and first, respectively, in England.

Subsequently, they spent hours practicing on San Francisco's huge bay.



The New Zealand boat "New Zealand Challenge" prepares for a maneuver during the Louis Vuitton Series during the America's Cup racing championship in San Diego in 1992.

Photo by Paul Hansen / The Beacon

Besides running computer tests, the team mixed crew members out of a pool of 20 hand-picked sailors.

"We want a brutal race series where we push each other," Oracle skipper James Spithill said. "Our goal is to have better racing than the challengers get."

He said he thought Emirates Team New Zealand, however, might have the inside track toward the eventual title.

"The Kiwis have been the most consistent team, although the French teams — Aleph Equipe and Energy Team — have been sound, as has Artemis Racing of Sweden," he said. "The surprise has been Team Korea, which ousted Oracle in match racing in Plymouth."

During the series' event in Plymouth, England, three catamarans capsized in competition and in Portugal's August

race, a New Zealand crewmember slipped over the side. It awaits to be seen if San Diego will see such action.



Italy's "Il Moro Di Venezia" beat New Zealand in the final Louis Vuitton Series to go on to challenge the U.S. in the finals. The U.S. then beat Italy to keep the America's Cup in San Diego until losing it in 1995.

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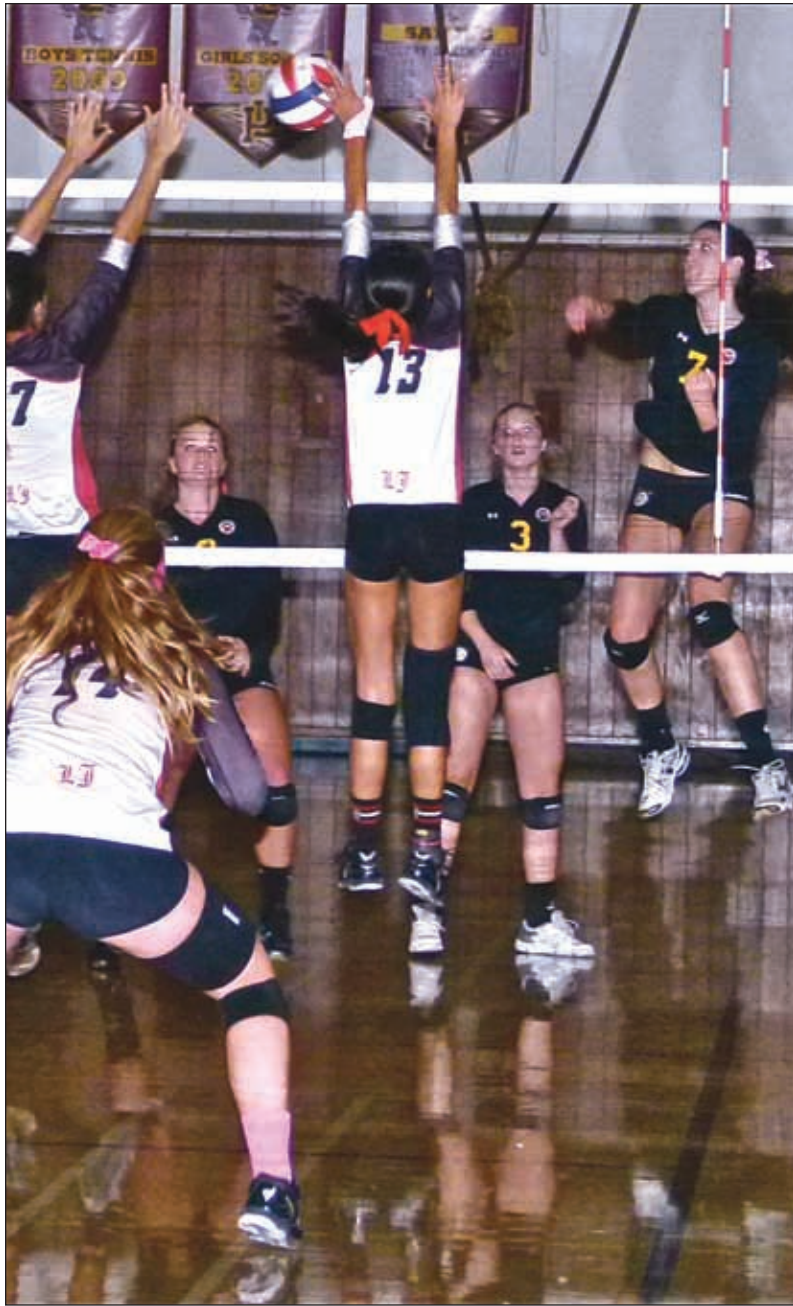
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America3, the 1995 all-woman team that competed for the America's Cup, will lend her observations to a very different cup race that has a new race format, boats and technology than the one in which she participated.

Her own sailing and announcing experience, however, will allow her to have a unique perspective on what the sailors are thinking, feeling and anticipating on the water. Nelson's diversified sailing experience will also arm her to discuss what an America's Cup return to San Diego means for the city and the sport of sailing.

The San Diego leg is the third stop of the America's Cup new tour format — the AC World Series — which brings racing to port cities around the globe. It's also the U.S. debut of the new technologically advanced AC45 wing-sailed catamarans. Racing will take place on San Diego Bay, designed to deliver up-close and exciting racing for spectators on shore.



Point Loma sophomore Taylor Horan (No. 7 at right) goes for the kill during a win against Western League rival La Jolla on Oct. 21. The Pointers defeated the Vikings in three of four sets before a home crowd.
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Girls' volleyball team reaps reward of winning

With impressive record, attention accompanies squad's CIF playoff run

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

It's difficult to tell what is most exciting about attending a girls' volleyball team match at Point Loma High School (PLHS).

First, there's the intense, spirited play of the 15 girls who make up the Pointers' varsity team as they leap, dive, set and spike through the emotional, marathon matches.

But on a recent Friday afternoon, with a varsity football game still under way on campus, the old gym's seats are filled on one side by a contingent of dozens of students — mainly boys — who loudly hoot and cheer every move on court.

And on the main side, players' benches and an officials' table are surrounded by a sizable and vocal group of parents and community supporters who thrive on the game's action.

It's a loud, passionate and electric experience. And it's growing in popularity.

New head coach Davis Ransom took

last year's previously underachieving Lady Pointers to 15 wins, including a late-season surge that carried the team to the CIF semifinals before losing to Western League foe and eventual 2010 Div. II section champion Scripps Ranch.

All this was accomplished in only one season after the 2009-10 girls won just six games.

Preparing to enter playoffs this season, the Lady Pointers have already notched 19 wins — and two of those were especially sweet. Ransom's previous coaching assignment was at Western League foe La Jolla, and the Vikings humiliated the Pointers by winning all three matches played last season.

This season, however, the Pointers reversed their fortunes with victories last month at La Jolla and in the rowdy Pointers gym in an Oct. 21 match by scores of 25-16, 20-25, 25-21 and 25-21.

The game preceded an annual "Senior Day" ceremony for the team. A post-game ceremony saw each of the PLHS team's seven seniors and their

parents receive flower bouquets while an underclass teammate read a tribute thanking the seniors for their leadership and assistance.

Along with powerful Scripps Ranch, the Western League also includes 2010 Div. III CIF champion Cathedral Catholic, so the Pointers' regular-season third-place finish is a lofty accomplishment.

Two teams in last year's six-school Western League won CIF titles, making it San Diego's toughest girls' volleyball league. This year's league consists of five teams, and the Pointers will finish ahead of both the Vikings and University City.

A check of previous Western League records shows Cathedral Catholic has a 48-0 record in league matches dating back five years. As a private school, Cathedral is allowed to recruit players in all sports within current CIF rules.

New CIF Commissioner Jerry Schniepp has indicated he will form a committee to look at the issues of public-versus-private schools.

Youth volleyball club slates tryouts for its second season

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

A growing youth volleyball club has scheduled tryouts for Saturday, Nov. 12 at Point Loma High School's (PLHS) gym.

Entering its second season, the Sunset Volleyball Club is hoping to expand from its original three teams to cover all area youth in the 12-18 age range. The club is also looking to enter Southern California regional competition with teams in 15-, 16- and 18-year-old divisions.

Head coaches Davis Ransom (PLHS girls' head coach) and Sean Thomas promise "experienced, positive, passionate coaching" to all Sunset participants.

A \$15 fee is being charged for tryouts, which are scheduled as follows on Nov. 12:

- Ages 12-14: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- Ages 15-18: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

A parent meeting will be held between the two periods from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.

Local teams will play a January-

through-May season, including six tournaments at Epic Volleyball Club in Poway.

The season for regional teams will include eight two-hour practices a month from December through May and include eight or more tournaments against the best teams in Southern California.

Interested participants are urged to contact Ransom at (619) 204-2957 or Thomas at (858) 382-3814, or email sunsetvolleyballclub@gmail.com.

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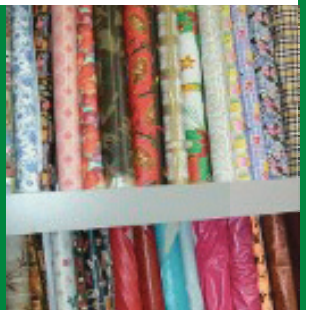
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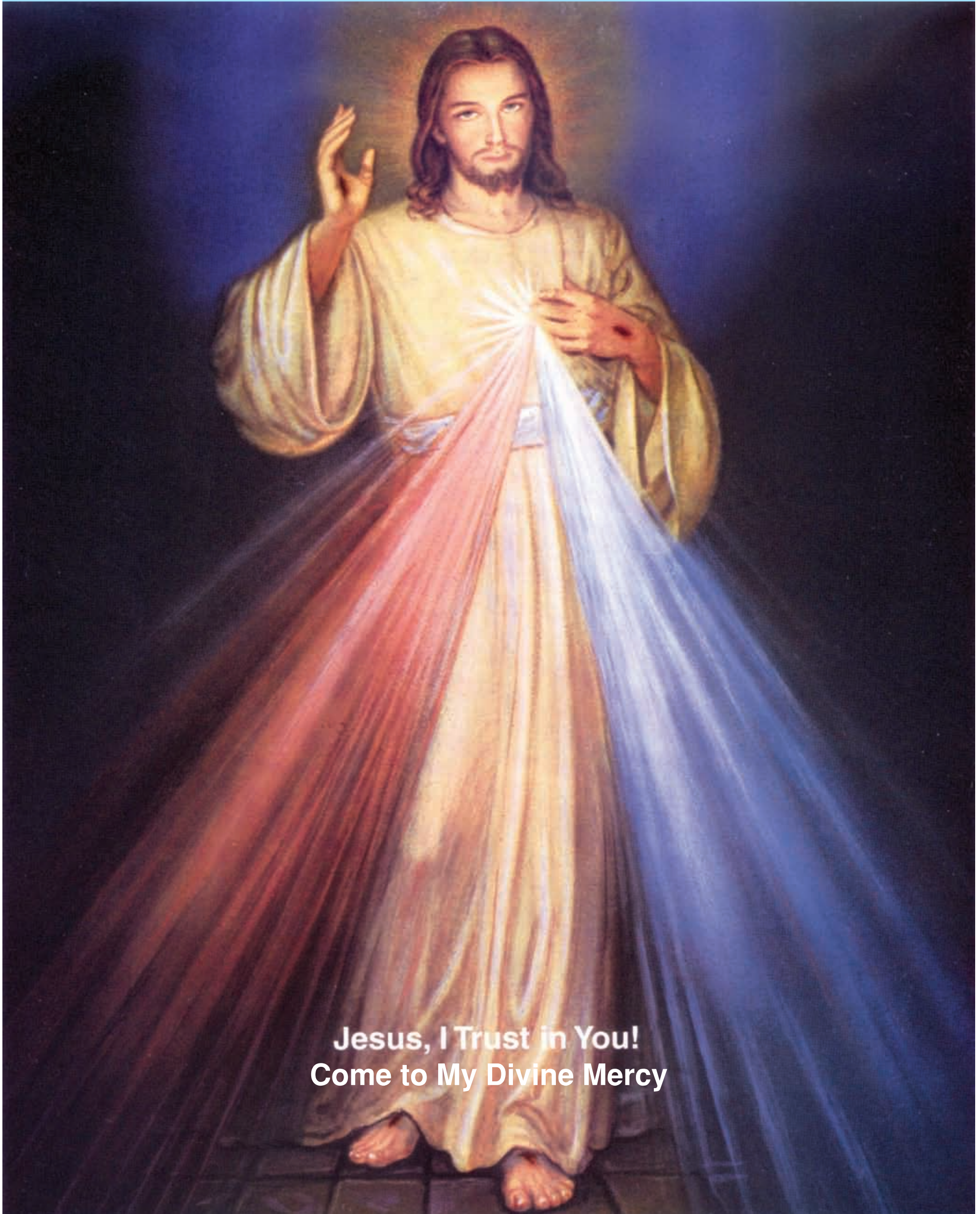
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Pointers outmatch, outgun Vikings in blowout

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

The Point Loma High School (PLHS) football team not only kept the now-mythical "Shoe" trophy in their annual battle with La Jolla High School (LJHS), but the damage they inflicted on LJHS could have been much worse if the Pointers first-stringers were kept on the field all day.

The final score of 31-8 didn't nearly describe the ease with which the Dogs devoured the outclassed Vikings.

Most punishing to LJHS was Pointer running back Jaivon Griffin, whose 85-yard touchdown run three minutes into the second half left a number of would-be Viking tacklers sprawled on the turf as he upped his team's lead to 31-0. At this point, head coach Mike Hastings and staff took the high road, signaling their second- and third-stringers to loosen up for some extended action.

Griffin's totals for the afternoon were 173 yards on 12 runs, an average of more than 14 yards per carry. He scored three times. Even without his long touchdown, Griffin still picked up eight yards per touch.

As a team, the Pointers gained 262 yards on the afternoon on only 34 offensive plays, an average of 7.7 yards per snap.

Quarterback Sam Augustine completed two of three passes for 50 yards, including a touchdown toss to Matt Magers on a fourth-down play from the Viking 28 shortly before halftime.

A Felipe Soares field goal from 42 yards out with Griffin's first two touchdown runs sent the teams to the break with a 24-0 Pointer lead.

The Vikings found out quickly they couldn't run the ball (30 carries for 47 total yards) and opted instead to take to the air, where two quarterbacks combined for 120 yards — many of them



Pointer defenders Raymond Goncalves (12) and Tanner Manion (11) apply pressure to La Jolla quarterback David McColl (9) during a 31-8 PLHS victory on Oct. 21.

Photo by Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

while Pointer starters watched from the sidelines with the game's outcome no longer in doubt.

Junior Sydney Rush and sophomores Tanner Manion and Grant Wilborn each picked off Viking passes in the second half, but Pointer reserves were unable to pad the lead.

The Vikings avoided a shutout after they picked off a fourth-quarter Augustine pass. Their score and two-point conversion came with 1:43 left in the rout.

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• The game was selected by the local chapter of the National Football Foundation as its prep Game of the Week. A

foundation representative on hand selected Griffin as the Pointers' Most Valuable Player. Griffin will be invited to attend a luncheon and the group's annual banquet in March with other MVPs from the season. In addition, he will receive tickets to a Chargers game.

• In the last eight years, the Pointers have outscored the Vikings 189-66 in winning every game.

• The actual "Shoe" trophy that is part of the PLHS/LJHS rivalry reportedly is in the possession of the widow of a former Vikings coach. This particular rivalry is one of the county's oldest. However, during a gap of several years in the series, the trophy was apparently given to an ill La Jolla coach who later passed.

Their ship has finally come in

U.S.sailing — one of the few American sports to not boast a hall of fame — can formally claim one exists now. In a special ceremony held at the San Diego Yacht Club on Oct. 23, an inaugural class of 14 men and one woman was formally inducted — including several American sailing superpowers who have made their marks on the sailing world and led the U.S. on winning courses in several America's Cup races over the years. Among the notables inducted on Oct. 23 were San Diegans Lowell North and Point Loma's Dennis Connor (**front row, right**), along with broadcasting magnate Ted Turner (**front row, left**). The National Sailing Hall of Fame will not be headquartered in San Diego, but rather a site close to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. The hall of fame's directors decided to rotate the inductions until the facility is formally built because of its status as a national shrine. According to officials, the second class of inductees will be enshrined next year in New Orleans. The lone woman inductee was Betsy Alison (**front row**), voted the Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year a record five times and who won five Women's International Keel Boat title.

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The event is part of National Memory Screening Day (NMSD), an annual initiative that the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) holds each November during National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. More than 2,000 sites across the country will be participating.

Innovative Healthcare Consultants will provide the memory screenings at The Riford Center, 6811 La Jolla Blvd, in La Jolla from 9:30 to 12:30.

RN Care Managers from Innovative will administer the screenings, which consist of a series of questions and tasks, and take five to ten minutes. Screening results are not a diagnosis, and individuals with below-normal scores or who have concerns will be encouraged to pursue a full medical exam.

Some memory problems can be readily treated, such as those caused by vitamin deficiencies or thyroid problems. Other memory problems might result from causes that are not currently reversible, such as Alzheimer's disease. In general, the earlier the diagnosis, the easier it is to treat one of these conditions.

AFA urges anyone concerned about memory changes, at risk of Alzheimer's disease due to family history or who wants to check their memory now and

for future comparison to get screened. Warning signs of dementia include forgetting people's names and events, asking repetitive questions, loss of verbal or written skills, confusion over daily routines, and erratic mood swings.

Currently, as many as 5.1 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, and the incidence is rising in line with the swell of aging baby boomers. The prevalence of Alzheimer's disease doubles every five years beyond age 65.

For more information about National Memory Screening Day, visit www.nationalmemoryscreening.org. You can also see Innovative Health-care's website www.innovativehc.com.

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Pointers shut out Mission Bay Bucs with dominant defense

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Point Loma High School's (PLHS) football game with visiting Mission Bay on Oct. 28 could be summed up by a slight variation of the old cliché: the Buc stops here.

With its stifling defense swarming Mission Bay, the Dogs sent the Buccaneers sailing home a defeated crew after a 13-0 drubbing.

The visitors managed only 42 yards running and four yards passing in the Pointers' second straight shutout of the Bucs (14-0 last season). The Bucs recorded only two first downs, both coming in a failed third-quarter drive.

The Pointers moved their overall record to 6-2 (3-0 in Western League) in preparation for the big Nov. 4 showdown at Madison for the league championship. The Bucs dropped to 3-4-1 overall (1-2 in league).

"Mission Bay's not a bad team," said Pointer head coach Mike Hastings after the game. "They have good athletes and good coaches over there and, truthfully, we knew it was going to be a battle. They weren't pretty [the Pointers' wins this game and last year over the Buccaneers], but we needed the win to stay perfect in Western League. To get to 3-0 was critical, and that sets us up for a very good game next week against Madison."

The Pointers will need to take it up a couple notches if they have hopes of grounding the Warhawks, who are currently undefeated and averaging 40 points a game. Highly-rated quarterback Chase Knox has already thrown for 1,630 yards and 18 touchdowns with only four interceptions. On the ground, Pierre Cormier, who has scored 18 times, is just five yards short of a 1,000-yard season.

As a team, Madison is averaging 431 yards in offense per game.

Offensively against the Bucs, the Pointers posted 281 yards, but only found the end zone once as quarterback Branden Martin capped a 45-yard Point Loma drive with a one-yard run. The score came on the Pointers' first possession of the game following a Buccaneers punt.

From that point, field goals by Felipe Soares (30 yards, second quarter) and Ruben Diaz (28 yards, third quarter) were all PLHS could muster.

Fullback Eric Bueno earned top honors for the Dogs with 73 yards on 13 carries. Jaivon Griffin (62 yards) and Morris Mathews (21 yards) added to the total.

Through the air, quarterbacks Sam Augustine and Martin shared duties. Augustine completed four of seven (61 yards) and Martin connected on two of three (49 yards). Neither was intercepted.

Three completions went to Matt Magers (49 yards total) while Tevin Heyward (23 yards), Mohsen Gharraam (21 yards) and Griffin (17 yards) had one catch each.



Eric Bueno (No. 42) picks up some of his team-leading 73 yards helping the Pointers defeat league foe Mission Bay 13-0 last week. Jake Wambaugh (19), Mark Nou (68), and Jovanny Sanchez (60) provide blocking. Photo by Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

Defensively, Ikeem Wright had a big game with six tackles and two sacks. Heyward (four tackles, one sack), Edmond Tucker and Steven Arreola (four tackles) also topped the charts. Dirk Lacy had an interception on the first play after the Bucs recovered a PLHS fumble.

Looking forward to the Madison battle, Hastings said, "We've just got to do our homework, and luckily I've got a great coaching staff. We break teams down (on video) very well and I know our kids will be well-prepared come next Friday night."

Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. after the schools' junior varsities meet in a 4 p.m. preliminary game.

BITS 'N' BITES:

- **Both Point Loma (Christian Heyward) and Mission Bay (Dillon Baxter)** have high-profile graduates playing for **national power USC**. That was until last week when Trojan head coach Lane Kiffin, in a national news story, announced Baxter was no longer a member of the team. Although a gifted running back, Baxter apparently wasn't used to following team rules and was suspended almost immediately after arriving in 2010 amid much fanfare. Heyward, on the other hand, is red-shirting and has impressed coaches with his efforts and attitude as a



Seven swarming Pointer defenders surround an outmatched Mission Bay runner in last week's 13-0 victory. Attackers are, left to right, Steven Arreola (56), Edmond Tucker (5), Jake Wambaugh (19), Ikeem Wright (33), Devontae Boothe (30), Greg Verdugo (53) and Tevin Heyward (14). Photo by Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

defensive lineman, opening potential for a bright Trojan future.

- **An injury to running back/defensive back Jamal Agnew** is more serious than first thought. Agnew, a make-things-happen player, has been out for several weeks while healing.

- **The Pointer junior varsity moved to 5-3** with a 44-12 trouncing of the Bucs in Mission Bay.

- **The freshman Dogs team remained**

at 5-2 when Mission Bay forfeited their scheduled game.

- **Mission Bay joins Lincoln** as the second school on the Pointer schedule **unable to field a freshman team**. Many factors enter into this trend, with first-quarter classroom grades among the top reasons. Many schools must consolidate their junior varsity and freshman teams when younger athletes fail to meet eligibility standards.



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Looking » ahead

Peninsula-area events, Oct. 20-Dec. 17
TUESDAY, Nov. 8

The **Ocean Beach Town Council** hosts its annual **Restaurant Walk** from 5 to 9 p.m. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, (619) 846-6269, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 9

• **Laura Eubanks will present “The Lighter Side of Succulents”** during a meeting of the Point Loma Garden Club. Eubanks, a Master Gardener, uses an “off the beaten path approach” to succulent design and use of companion plantings. The free event takes place at the United Portuguese S.E.S. Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. For additional information, visit design4serenity.com or www.plgc.org.

• **The Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library** hosts a program by **Dr. Jeff Seminoff of the National Oceanic Southwest Fisheries Science Center La Jolla**. Seminoff will present “Sea Turtles of California: Natural History, Conservation Challenges and Signs of Success.” The program is free at the library, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 531-1539.

THURSDAY, Nov. 10

The Rock Academy in Point Loma invites individuals who have served or are currently serving in the military — along with their families — to join a **special Veterans Day ceremony** at 1 p.m. in the Rock Sanctuary, located at 2277 Rosecrans St. All church, school and community members who wish to honor these brave men and women are also encouraged to attend. For more information, call (619) 226-7625, or visit www.therocksandiego.org.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 16

The **Naval Base Point Loma's Restoration Advisory Board** hosts its regular **meeting** to discuss relevant issues. The meeting takes place at the Southwestern Yacht Club, 2702 Qualtrough St. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (619) 556-0193.

SATURDAY, Nov. 19

Ocean Beach People's Organic Food Market hosts its **People's Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Fair** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors can get an early start on their holiday shopping with one-of-a-kind wares, including jewelry, knit scarves and bags, trinkets, magnets, soaps, candles and stained glass. All booths will be in front of the market at 4765 Voltaire St. Admission is free. For more information, call (619) 224-1387, or email editor@oceanbeachpeoples.com.

TUESDAY, Nov. 29

The **Ocean Beach Town Council will erect the OB Community Christmas tree** at noon at the foot of Newport Avenue for children and residents to decorate. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, (619) 846-6269, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

THURSDAY, Dec. 1

The **Ocean Beach Town Council** hosts its annual **OB school children tree decorating** from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, (619) 846-6269, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

SATURDAY, Dec. 3

The **Ocean Beach Town Council** hosts its annual **OB Christmas Parade** in the heart of OB along Newport Avenue at 5:05 p.m. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, (619) 846-6269, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

SATURDAYS, Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24

The **Ocean Beach Town Council** hosts weekly **OB Craft Fairs** at Veterans Plaza

for all your holiday shopping. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, (619) 846-6269, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

THURSDAY, Dec. 8

The Rock Academy's elementary students will present a Christmas program, **"Bethlehem or Bust,"** about a camel and his friends as they discover the true meaning of Christmas. The

program takes place Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. and again on Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Rock Church and Academy Sanctuary, located at 2277 Rosecrans St. Admission is free. For more information, email autumn.cropp@therockacademy.org.

Dec. 13, 15 and 16

The **Ocean Beach Town Council** brings it home for the holidays with its

annual **community Food and Toy Drive** for local disadvantaged families. Volunteers are needed to help with wrapping and sorting of donated items (be on the lookout for the Christmas donation cans around Ocean Beach) during this three-day period from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Point Loma United Methodist Church, located at 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, (619) 846-

6269, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

SATURDAY, Dec. 17

Volunteers will **deliver goods from the Ocean Beach Town Council's annual community Food and Toy Drive** to seniors and families from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (619) 515-4400, (619) 846-6269, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

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