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A PLEA FOR COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

■ A Peninsula military family will host a fundraiser June 16 to help offset the cost of a diabetic alert dog for 5-year-old Landon Throm. The canine could someday save the life of the Loma Portal Elementary School student.

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Brighton St. restroom rebuild lags behind targeted opening

City Councilman, OB Town Council, beachgoers caught off guard by project's surprise delay

By **BIANCA KOCH** | THE BEACON

Memorial Day weekend has come and gone. And local residents who were expecting to find a rebuilt, permanent Brighton Street restroom facility with warm-water showers by the beginning-of-summer kickoff were instead disappointed.

Though city officials had hoped to have

the facility at Dog Beach open by the holiday weekend's summer crush, construction on the "comfort station" is behind schedule, apparently coming as a surprise to District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer, Ocean Beach Town Council (OBTC) members and beachgoers.

Instead of spanking-new facilities, residents and visitors were greeted by the worn-

out assortment of dirty portable restrooms that lacked toilet paper, hygienic seat covers and running water.

The new target date for the facility's opening is June 29.

The construction fiasco was the topic of conversation by the OB Town Council on

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The city failed to meet the targeted opening of the rebuilt Brighton Street restrooms at Dog Beach in time for the summer crush on Memorial Day weekend. A new target date is set for June 29. Photo by Jim Grant The Beacon



POINTER SENIORS TAKE GIANT STEP TOWARD THE FUTURE

An estimated 425 Point Loma High School seniors shared their day in the sun June 12 during the traditional commencement ceremony at Bennie Edens Field. Look for photo galleries and senior snippets in the June 28 edition of *The Peninsula Beacon*. Photo by Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

Behave yourself in public: Big Brother now watching at OB Pier, PB, Mission Bay Park

By **PATRICIA WALSH** | THE BEACON



Visitors to the Ocean Beach Pier check out one of 14 new surveillance cameras installed in OB, Mission Bay Park and other locations as a result of funding by the Department of Homeland Security. Photo by Patricia Walsh | The Beacon

City officials have installed surveillance cameras at key waterfront locations from Ocean Beach to De Anza Cove as a result of funding from the Department of Homeland Security.

The 14 cameras are atop buildings and light poles in 12 locations:

- Ocean Beach Pier
- encircling Mission Bay at Hospitality Point

- San Diego Lifeguard Headquarters
- Rose Marie Starnes South Shores Boat Launch
- entrance to Fiesta Island
- Dana Boat Launch
- Vacation Island
- the north end of the Ingraham Street Bridge
- Mission Point
- Santa Clara Point
- Ski Beach
- De Anza Boat Launch

Funding for the cameras comes from a grant the city received in 2011 from the Homeland Security's Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI). Of the \$16 million grant, \$385,000 pays for the cameras, according to Darren Pudgil, spokesman for Mayor Jerry Sanders' Office.

Pudgil said the city receives a grant from Homeland Security annually.

The cameras, which will be shared by a cross-section of law enforcement and government agencies — including the U.S. Coast Guard and San Diego police — will be monitored by San Diego lifeguards. A spokesman for the lifeguards said the cameras have been installed but are not yet operational.

The USAI program, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA), has allocated grants since 2003 to help "high-threat, high-density urban areas" develop the capacity "to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism."

While video monitoring is new to the points around Mission Bay, it is not uncommon for the public to be under the watchful eye of cameras across San Diego.

Along the coastline, federal and military installations have video monitoring.

Since 2001, the Port of San Diego has received more than \$33.6 million through various Homeland Security and port security grants. Some of those funds paid for security cameras, according to John Gilmore, a representative of the Port District. Gilmore said the Port District has about 140 cameras installed at various locations around San Diego Bay, including cargo terminals for security and public safety.

The Port District oversees 17 public parks, two maritime cargo terminals at 10th Avenue and National City and owns the B Street cruise ship terminal.

The county also uses video-monitoring equipment at some county buildings for general safety and security, according to Gig Conaughton, a county spokesman. However, the county does not monitor general outdoor activities at places like parks.

Student rallies peers in support of pink-slipped PLHS teachers, staffers

Peaceful walkout makes public point; 1 arrested

By **SCOTT HOPKINS** | THE BEACON

Spurred to action after years of standing by helplessly, an empathetic teen organized a student walkout at Point Loma High School (PLHS) last week to peaceably protest budget cuts and pink slips handed out annually to Pointer staff members.

In her three years at PLHS, junior Victoria Gonzalez and her peers watched in silence as some of their favorite teachers and campus employees were dispatched in June after receiving pink slips in the spring. Many targeted staff members were young, some just several years into their careers, who had bought homes or were expecting additions to their families.

Gonzalez cited English teacher Yolanda Beltran and math teacher Raymond Hilbert as recent examples of beloved mentors who would be lost under current budget plans.

Of Beltran, Gonzalez said, "She made our class so much fun, so interesting and was so passionate about her teaching."

Hilbert, a member of the Mesa College faculty, teaches a college-credit calculus course on the PLHS campus.

"All Mr. Hilbert thinks about is how much he wants us to succeed," Gonzalez said. "He takes the time every day because he wants us to learn, not because it's his job."



Students line the balcony of a building at the front entrance of Point Loma High on June 6 as hundreds of others crossed Chatsworth Boulevard, foreground, to support pink-slipped teachers and staff. Courtesy photo by Roman Howard

With such teachers in mind, Gonzalez decided to take a deeper look.

"I talked to some of my teachers and really empathized with them," Gonzalez said. "We don't truly realize what it's like to go through these things, and it inspired me to do a walkout because it's a great way for us to show the teachers we understand where they're coming from, that this is their story and it's affecting them."

"Why wouldn't we want to use our voices to show our support for

SEE **WALKOUT**, Page 7



Hundreds of Point Loma High students crossed Chatsworth Boulevard as they participated in a mass walkout June 6 in support of teachers and school staff who recently received pink slips from the San Diego Unified School District. The peaceful show of support was organized by PLHS junior Victoria Gonzalez.

Courtesy photo by Victoria Gonzalez



Janet Staneruck holds her May 3 copy of *The Peninsula Beacon* in front of the landmark Lucy the Elephant statue in Margate City, N.J. Janet said Lucy is huge. So big, in fact, that visitors can walk around inside of her and get a view from the canopy area on top.



John Haimsohn captured this picture of his wife, Lorie Grant-Haimsohn, with *The Peninsula Beacon* in front of the gorgeous, historic Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris in April.

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The Beacon made its way to Spokane, Wash. for the graduation of Alec Kraft from Gonzaga University recently. Among those in the shot in front of the university's famous bulldog mascot statue are Alec's father, Matt Kalla; Michele Kalla and Alec (center, background).

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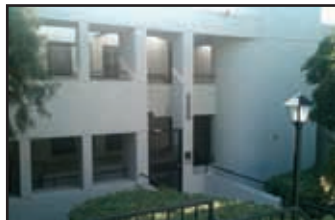


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Council OKs lifeguard funds for relief positions

By **MARIKO LAMB** | THE BEACON

San Diego lifeguards — who said they were left out of Mayor Jerry Sanders' budget priorities for the coming fiscal year — were saved by the City Council on June 11 at the council's second public hearing of the mayor's revised budget.

Councilmembers voted 7-1 — with District 5 City Councilman Carl DeMaio dissenting — to pass the budget, but not before agreeing to revise expenditures to accommodate the lifeguards' funding request for three relief positions and a wellness program.

"You guys really looked after a group of professional rescuers who look after the public, and you've really taken into consideration our health and our well-being," said Sgt. James Gartland, San Diego Association for Lifeguards.

"We're going to provide a better service because of these things, and it's going to give us the relief that we need," he said.

According to a city Independent Budget Analyst Office (IBA) report, \$291,000 will be allotted for three relief positions, including a lifeguard sergeant and two full-time lifeguards, along with \$81,000 for the wellness program to monitor health and prevent injuries.

"The restoration of these positions and the flexibility that they offer would lessen the current strain on the lifeguard scheduling system, reduce the use of mandatory overtime to maintain constant staffing levels, and support scheduling personnel training," said Andrea Tevlin, the city's independent budget analyst.

A "meet-and-confer" process is currently under way among city management and lifeguards to evaluate the implications and benefits of the wellness program prior to its implementation.

"We've heard very clearly from the lifeguards that they want to make [implementing a lifeguard wellness program] a very expeditious process, so I have no doubt that [a study] will conclude quickly."

DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILMAN
KEVIN FAULCONER

A report on the results of the study will be completed by the end of June.

"I'm anxious to get this program started," said District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer at the meeting. "We've heard very clearly from the lifeguards that they want to make this a very expeditious process, so I have no doubt that it will conclude quickly."

"It is critically important — as someone who is fortunate enough to represent the beach areas — to have that lifeguard personnel," he said.

Faulconer also touted other recommendations that were included in the revisions, like the restoration of five civilian police positions and funding for Teen Night programs.

"Particularly over the last several months, there has been a significant amount of cooperation that I haven't seen in a long time," said Faulconer.

"I think we've had some of the best communication that we've had between the legislative branch and the executive branch," he said. "This has been a collective team effort that has not always been the case, but I think we've established a process now that has served the city well."

Faulconer attributed initiatives like managed competition for saving the city millions of dollars each year.

"We're here not only because of the council's leadership and the mayor's

leadership, but also, I believe, some very important tools that the voters, the citizens of San Diego have given this city," he said. "This has not been easy, but I think the process that has gotten us here is important."

Lifeguard union representative Sgt. Ed Harris, who spearheaded the plea for funding at the City Council's first public vetting of the mayor's budget revisions, thanked the councilmembers.

"Thank you again for all your support and for understanding what we do out there and being close to the issue," Harris said.

The City Council's budget modifications have been sent to Sanders for review. With the changes adopted by the full City Council, Sanders will then approve or veto the final budget before the start of the new fiscal year June 30.



The City Council approved more money Monday to fund three relief positions and a wellness program for lifeguards.
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City still eyeing options to rid pesky gophers

By **BIANCA KOCH** | THE BEACON

Ocean Beach seems to be a gophers' paradise. Large numbers of the critters are reportedly destroying neighborhood parks, racking up a growing tab with the city.

It's an ongoing fight for the city, and for the contractors in charge of pest control on city properties. The challenge, of course, is to safely eliminate the rodents without endangering local wildlife, domestic animals and the public.

Steve Pauly, acting district manager for the city's Park and Recreation Department, said one reason for attractiveness to gophers could be the location near the water, in combination with the climate and the mineral-rich soil.

Others have their opinions, too.

Ocean Beach resident Jim Hertzman, who is a daily visitor to Dusty Rhodes Park and Robb Field Park, believes the only reason the gophers are so comfortable in the area is the complete lack of natural predators.

"The ecosystem is in total imbalance around here," Hertzman said, who walks his dogs daily at the local parks. "Since we don't have foxes, coyotes or wolves here, the gophers can breed and destroy freely. Even birds of prey, such as falcons, hawks, etc., are pretty rare here."

Pauly, who oversees the two parks, said the population of gophers at Dusty Rhodes and Robb Field is overwhelmingly higher than at other parks, despite the city's efforts to bring the annoying digger under control.

"We [park officials and the pest-control contractor] have the feeling that the gophers are migrating between the two parks," he said.

Pauly said he hasn't actually seen gophers crossing between the parks, considering the busy Sunset Cliffs Boulevard that separates the parks from each other.

"We assume, due to the location of the mounts on both sides, and the much, much deeper tunnel systems at the edges of both parks — as well as both right-of-way areas off Sunset Cliffs Boulevard — that the gophers might actually dig under



City officials continue to assess the best and most effective means of controlling the pesky gopher population at Dusty Rhodes Park and Robb Field Park in Ocean Beach, where the burrowing animal poses a severe threat to trees and shrubs, along with tripping and ankle-twisting hazards for humans and domestic animals.
Photo by Bianca Koch | The Beacon

Sunset Cliffs Blvd in order to freely travel between both parks at little to no risk to [motorists]."

Clay Bingham, director of community parks for the city, agreed.

"Yes, we think that the gophers are working outward from the middle of the field, digging deeper at the ends of the parks adjacent to Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. Yet, we don't know for sure, as we have not physically witnessed such action. Those little guys pose a severe threat to our trees and shrubs, let alone the cost of having to continuously replace dead and damaged greenery.

"We are highly concerned about the safety of our patrons," he said. "We make an effort to keep the fields safe for the public. We don't want anybody to break ankles or legs. We care about all users of the parks, humans or animals."

Bingham said the city is looking into alternatives to more conventional methods like trapping and poisons, which could compromise the quality of the ecosystem.

"We'd like to eradicate the gophers without poisons of any type, since we are also highly concerned about the safety of our wildlife and that of the parks' patrons," he said. "So far, we came up with two alternatives: we've been trying traps at Balboa Park for a couple of years.

The setback here is that it is very labor intensive."

Most rodents, according to experts, learn to avoid traps over time.

"Another alternative we have been trying out at Robb Field for the past few weeks is the 'Burrow Blaster,' which showed great success at Black Mountain Community Park," said Bingham. "This particular gopher-eliminating method is not a poison. There is absolutely no safety concern for the public. We inject propane into the burrows and ignite the injected propane. The blow extinguishes the gopher with a severe concussion. We believe this method could be the safest for the public, other wildlife and domestic animals, which is our No. 1 priority."

Bingham said that, contrary to rumor, city officials had not already been planning to relocate two families of white barn owls to local parks as a means of gopher population control. Bingham said he only learned of the rumor during a recent

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The Beacon's photo contest returns!

The Peninsula Beacon's 18th annual Amateur Photo Contest is back! Enter your best photo portraying the Peninsula area taken since June 2011 and let our readers decide!

Photos will be displayed at The Beacon booth during the Ocean Beach Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, June 23. The public will vote for its favorite pictures, and the winning entry may just be yours!

Prizes will be awarded for the top three photos, which will be published in the June 28 Beacon. The deadline to receive entries is Tuesday, June 19.



Last year's winning shot was this beautiful, sunlit photo taken from underneath the Ocean Beach Pier by Hailey Mordah.

CONTEST RULES

- Photos must be taken by an amateur photographer and must have been shot in the 92106 or 92107 ZIP codes between June 2011 and June 2012. Possible locations include Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Shelter Island, Loma Portal or Sports Arena/Midway. The subjects of eligible photos may include anything in the area suitable for public viewing.

- Please do not email photos, but mail them to: The Peninsula Beacon, Attn: Photo Contest, 1621 Grand Ave., Suite C, San Diego, CA 92109.

- Retouched, photoshopped or computer-enhanced photos will NOT be accepted.

- Color or black-and-white prints are eligible. Slides are not allowed. Entries should be no larger than 8 by 10 inches and no smaller than 3 by 5 inches. Please don't send a photo in a frame.

- Only ONE entry per photographer allowed.

- Amateur photographers only, please. A professional category may be on display but is not a part of the judging.

- Include photographer's name,

address, phone number, date the photo was taken and a brief description of the subject.

- The safe return of entries is not guaranteed. Remember, these photos will be mounted for public display — expect some wear and tear.

Photos may be picked up at The Beacon office, beginning Tuesday, June 26.

SAY 'HI!' AT THE STREET FAIR!

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Woman pleads guilty to collision that killed pedestrian

By NEAL PUTNAM | THE BEACON

A woman pleaded guilty June 11 to a hit-and-run case in which she struck and killed a pedestrian walking on the shoulder of Interstate 8 near Nimitz Boulevard in the early hours of March 11.

Although she maintained she thought her vehicle had struck a sofa on the shoulder of the freeway at the time, Nikolette Kristina Gallo, 19, pleaded guilty to the count.

While the maximum sentence is four years in prison, San Diego Superior Court Judge Dwayne Moring indicated

he would strongly consider a sentence with probation, according to Deputy District Attorney Rebecca Zipp.

The victim was identified at Sho Funai, 23, a San Diego engineer, but it wasn't disclosed why he was walking on the freeway shoulder at 4:30 a.m. when the accident happened.

Sentencing for Gallo is set for July 26. Gallo, of Rancho Peñasquitos, remains free on \$50,000 bond. She could serve a jail term of one year or less and might still receive probation from the court.

Gallo said she later saw a news report about the traffic death and told her

father, who contacted an attorney. The lawyer spoke to police investigators and Gallo agreed to surrender.

As a condition of bond, Gallo also agreed to wear a device that would show if she consumed alcohol. Her lawyer, King Aminpour, said Gallo agreed to wear the device "to show to the court, to the public, that she is not a safety risk." Gallo wasn't charged with drunken driving in connection with the case.

A day or two passed between the incident and her surrender, so no blood tests were taken by police. Her attorney said she was not a person who used drugs or was dependent on alcohol.



City officials suspect the gophers at neighborhood parks in Ocean Beach are beginning to tunnel between the two parks underneath Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, although so far no one seems to have witnessed such activity.
Photo by Bianca Koch | The Beacon

GOPHERS

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Ocean Beach Recreation Council and planning group meeting.

"That was all news to me, and I should know," he said.

Bingham said the Recreation Council may have taken on to the idea from previous suggestions, and not only liked it, but seemed willing to commit money to make it happen.

"We now have our staff biologist from the open-space division researching ways and options to possibly stabilize the idea of putting up owl nesting boxes to attract the white barn owls," he said. "This requires correct research and a lot of time, since several questions have to be answered and weighed against other methods."

Bingham said the behavior of the owls needs to be researched to determine if and how the owls could be moved without harming the birds or upsetting the ecosystem of the area from

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which the owls might be moved.

"We need to find out if the species is a protected species, and if we have to look into adding other animals to the area," Bingham said. "We also want to make sure residents won't get disturbed. Last, but not least, we need to find out the needs of the owls as far as 'how-to' and where to install owl boxes to provide proper living quarters for the owls."

Marlin Club gives youngsters an oceanfront observation station

Mrs. Bryant's fourth-grade class from Silver Gate Elementary School was given an oceanfront classroom by the Marlin Club of San Diego on May 30, providing young minds with a day filled with fun and excitement.

The day offered the children a chance to learn about the ocean environment and the species that live not only in this area but in the Pacific Ocean as a whole. The event involved a seminar by Capt. Bob Woodard, a Point Loma Realtor.

There was a chance for children to meet Harbor Police officers and tour patrol boats and examine squad cars.

"This is exactly the kind of events we like to be involved in," said Harbor Patrol public outreach officer Magda Fernandez. "It gives us a chance to interact with the public and be involved with the community and the children."

Another Harbor Police officer gave the students sound advice for those occasions they are around the water, offering safety tips and answering questions about the Harbor Police force and their jobs. Some of the children expressed interest in becoming police officers.



Fourth-graders from Silver Gate Elementary got an educational experience May 30 when members of the Marlin Club of San Diego provided a day of ocean-based fun that included time with Harbor Patrol officers and firsthand exposure to sportfishing. Courtesy photo by Bob Woodward

There was also a marine art project, which allowed the students to do some colorful artwork.

The highlight of the day came when the children got down on the docks to do some fishing. There was a huge variety of fish caught, including bass, halibut, croaker, perch and rays. All the fish were released to see another day, however.

The Marlin Club hosts many such events throughout the year. Teachers and school administrators who would like to arrange for a classroom or group of children to experience this type of education may contact the club at (619) 222-8677 or Bob Woodward at (619) 227-5478.

For more information, visit www.themarlinclub.com.

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Peninsula military family seeks help for son, 5

Fundraiser will help pay for lifesaving alert dog for Loma Portal Elementary student

By PATRICIA WALSH | THE BEACON

Little boys and Labrador retrievers are the All-American Dream Team: friends for life, growing up side by side, sharing secrets in their own special language. For 5-year-old Landon Throm, the dream of owning a dog is not a luxury, but a lifesaver.

The Loma Portal Elementary kindergarten was just a few blood-sugar points away from a coma in June 2011 when he was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes (T1D). Since then, overcoming the challenges of living with the incurable, potentially deadly disease has been a nightmare for the Throms.

A military family with two other children, Leandra, 11, who attends Dana Middle School, and Stephen, 14, a student at Point Loma High School; the Throms are a testament to how the 24-7 vigil of diabetes changes lives.

To ensure Landon's safety and give him the chance to lead an independent life, the Throms have decided to get a diabetic alert dog. They are putting on a picnic fundraiser — "Paws for Landon" — from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 16 at the Village of NTC Clubhouse, 1895 Tatttnal Way. Lunch is \$6 per person, and there will be a bounce house, which the family is renting at half price, and a face painter, who is donating her time.

"I never heard of diabetes," said Landon's mother, Amy. "Then, everything came crashing in at once."

Landon's behavior started changing just as father Anthony, a First Class Culinary Specialist in the Navy aboard the USS Howard, was getting ready to deploy. Landon started wetting the bed and acting out; constantly asking to eat and to get a drink of water. Frequent urination, increased appetite and extreme thirst are among the warning signs of T1D. Amy thought it was an emotional response to Anthony's pending absence.

"He would wake up drenched in sweat and pee and want a drink," Amy said.

Thinking that water was the cause of Landon's bed wetting, she denied his requests. The problem persisted, so Amy took him to the pediatrician.

Landon was immediately whisked by ambulance to Naval Medical Center San Diego, where he was diagnosed with T1D.



Type 1 diabetic Landon Throm points to the \$7,000 his family has raised for a diabetic alert dog. Landon's parents, Anthony and Amy, hope to raise the balance of the \$20,000 to pay for training the service dog. They will hold a \$6-a-plate picnic fundraiser at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 16 at the Village of NTC Clubhouse, 1895 Tatttnal Way. Photo by Patricia Walsh | The Beacon

He stayed in the hospital for a week until he was stabilized, and Amy learned how to give him insulin shots.

There is no prevention or cure for T1D, according to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. T1D is an autoimmune disease where the pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables the body to get energy from food. There are two types of diabetes: Type 1, which is typically onset in childhood, and Type 2, which often results from excess body weight and physical inactivity in adults. Earlier this month, the World Health Organization reported that 1 in 10 people worldwide has diabetes.

Landon is among the more than 3 million Americans who have T1D. A tow-headed boy with crystal-blue eyes and a bright smile, he is the picture of health. Except for the medical ID dog tags that he wears around his neck, one wouldn't know that he is walking around with a potentially life-threatening illness.

"I have to wear it every time I go to the

pool," he said, pulling his medical alert tag out from under his shirt. Then he pricks his finger, puts a drop of blood on a strip and inserts it into a cell phone-size glucose meter to check his blood sugar level. Amy leans over to check the reading. Landon looks up at her for approval. "It's normal," she said with a smile and sigh of relief.

"It doesn't hurt at all," he said proudly in a little boy lisp. "The shots sting, but I don't cry."

Landon's blood-sugar level is checked around the clock and he receives six to eight insulin shots a day. In school, he leaves class three times a day to have his glucose levels checked, a snack and an insulin shot from the school nurse. Amy, who is hyper-organized to meet the family's needs and to take care of Landon, keeps a daily record of Landon's glucose levels. She faxes them to the doctor and files the records in a bright-green binder that is three inches thick from a year of readings.

The regimen is grueling and uncertain, which is why the Throm family has decided to get a diabetic alert dog. The service dog will alert to any blood-sugar extremes. That means there will be no guessing about what's going on inside Landon's body — especially when he's asleep.

The cost of a trained alert dog is \$20,000. To date, the family has raised \$7,000. The money has been cobbled together through lollipop sales at school; a fundraiser held at Hooter's by Anthony's shipmates, and a \$3,000 donation from Aaron's, a rent-to-own furniture company. The Throms hope to raise the remaining \$13,000 before Anthony's next deployment.

Amy learned about diabetic alert dogs last year when she met Michelle Hyman at the Walk to Cure Diabetes.

Hyman, 40, was diagnosed with diabetes when she was 11 years old. As she's aged, her ability to detect her blood sugar lows has diminished.

"It's especially hard for me to wake up at night," she said.

When Hyman's blood sugar is low at night, her dog jumps on the bed and licks her face. When it's low during the day, the dog alerts her by putting his nose on her leg. When her blood sugar is high, the dog paws her.

"I don't look at having a dog as money. I look at it as my life," Hyman said. "You can't put a price on my safety."

Like Hyman, the Throm family will get their dog from Guardian Angel Service

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QUICKHits

Final plan set to address Sunset Cliffs drainage

Paul Jacob, a civil engineer from the city's Park and Recreation Department will present on June 20 the long-anticipated final plan for a drainage system to reduce erosion of the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park.

Residents are welcome to attend the public meeting of the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council, which takes place at 6:30 p.m. in the Jim Howard Hall at Robb Field.

The natural park runs along Sunset Cliffs from Adair Street to the Naval Base Point Loma boundary, and from the cliffs to Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and the Point Loma Nazarene University boundary.

Over the years, stormwater has been flowing over the parklands, creating gullies and washing pollutants into the ocean. The city hired a consultant to study the directions and volumes of the flows and to propose methods to handle the water without damage to the park and to minimize ocean pollution.

The draft plan can be viewed at www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation.

For more information about the meeting and the drainage study, call (619) 235-5242, or email pjacob@sandiego.gov.

Suspected puppy killer bound over for trial

An Ocean Beach man will stand trial July 19 on suspicion he killed his former girlfriend's puppy and battered the woman in April.

Aubry Eugene Glascock, 32, pleaded not guilty to the charges in San Diego Superior Court on May 30. He is accused of inflicting corporal injuries on his girlfriend and a roommate in the April 27 incident at a motor home parked on Voltaire Street and West Point Loma Boulevard.

Glascock is also accused of felony animal abuse in the death of the 4-month-old puppy, which investigators said was thrown by the defendant against the side of the motor home. The man is also charged with resisting arrest.

A restraining order has been filed against Glascock that prohibits him from contacting the former girlfriend and the roommate. Glascock remains in custody on \$85,000 bail.

Glascock has also been charged with damaging jail property worth nearly \$1,000.

A preliminary hearing in the Chula Vista Superior Court will be held later in June on that charge.

— Neal Putnam

Peninsula YMCA readies for summer camps

The Peninsula Family YMCA would like to make the summer of 2012 a memorable one for area children. The Y is offering a variety of camps for children from 5 to 16 years old, featuring new skills, character values, self-confidence, teamwork, environmental awareness and leadership abilities. All staff hires are thoroughly trained to ensure children grow in a safe environment.

For more information, call (619) 226-8888, ext. 107.

— Scott Hopkins



Matt Morris and Caitlin Snell earned honors as the top citizens of Point Loma High's class of 2012. Courtesy photo

Two Pointers feted as top citizens of class

Point Loma High School seniors Matt Morris and Caitlin Snell were honored as the top citizens of the 2012 class. They were selected after input from all school staff. Morris will attend UCSD while Snell is headed to Georgetown University. The two were among dozens of students honored at the school's annual awards program last week, during which PLHS head counselor Sarah Brandl noted class members have received more than "\$4 million and counting in scholarships."

— Scott Hopkins

Cancer Society thrift store has dad bargains

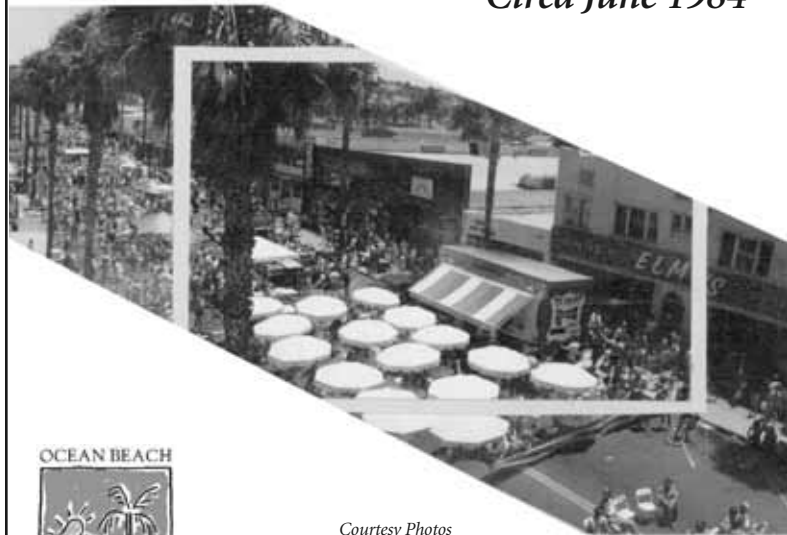
In time for Father's Day, the Point Loma American Cancer Society Discovery Shop will host "Especially for Men" on Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16.

The store will offer special items saved just for the event, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. All proceeds go to cancer research and education, and volunteers and donations are welcome.

Discovery Shop is located in Point Loma at 3609 Midway Drive, Suite C. For more information, call (619) 224-4336.

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The cameras, which will be monitored by lifeguards, will be accessible to police, the U.S. Coast Guard and other governmental agencies.

CAMERAS

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In 2011, surveillance cameras operated by the city of Fullerton in Orange

County captured police officers beating Kelly Thomas, a mentally-ill homeless man who died five days later. The video was instrumental in a judge's ruling in May that two police officers involved in the beating stand trial for Thomas' death.

WALKOUT

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them?" Gonzalez asked.

So Gonzalez organized a walkout by hundreds of her fellow Pointer classmates to call attention to the plight of many teachers and classified employees at her school who are now holding pink slips.

On June 6, a crowd of about 500 students moved toward the school entrance on Chatsworth Boulevard, crossed the street and took up positions in front of a Christian Science church.

Many others watched from campus as San Diego police and San Diego Unified School District officers halted traffic when necessary to ensure the safety of students.

"We heard about it 10 minutes before the event started," said PLHS Principal Bobbie Samilson, who believes students used social networking sites to publicize their plans. Police were immediately notified and put in place.

"The students were mostly yelling, 'We love our teachers,'" said Samilson.

She characterized the students' actions "well-behaved and respectful," and said student safety was her top concern.

After a television news crew left, Samil-



This shot taken from the second floor of a building on campus shows the crowd of students during the June 6 walkout.

Courtesy photo by Taylor Horan

son — who is also well-liked by PLHS students — walked over to speak with the walkout's participants.

"I told them how much I appreciated them expressing themselves and their concerns for teachers, but it was time to go back to class and they were willing to do so," she said.

A subgroup of about 150 students, however, instead opted to walk toward Correia Middle School to share their message. Correia was placed on lockdown and police officers maintained order.

"All those students have been dealt with and received consequences," Samilson said.

Gonzalez expressed dismay with the splinter group, especially when she learned one freshman threw a rock at a

police car, resulting in his arrest.

"I was really disappointed about that," Gonzalez said, "because it decreases our credibility. We were making a point, not trying to vandalize anything or hurt the police."

Since the walkout, Gonzalez has been partnering with Samilson to develop other strategies to bring the strong feelings of students to decision-makers.

Gonzalez plans to organize a letter-writing campaign to local and state board of education members and others with power. She said she is also looking forward to working with PLHS video-production students and staff to create a video about the issues that could be shown to wide-ranging audiences.

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May 23, a meeting attended by Faulconer's director of communications, Matt Awbrey.

Awbrey told OBTC members that Faulconer was informed of the delay two weeks before the planned finish date, when Faulconer questioned the status of the facility during a meeting of the city's Capital Improvement Projects Budget

Review Committee.

Only then, according to Awbrey, did city staffers admit to Faulconer that the project's contractor, PRAVA Construction, had fallen behind schedule.

Faulconer expressed dismay to *The Beacon* following the Capital Improvement Projects Budget Review Committee meeting.

"I couldn't believe it," Faulconer said. "Here we're counting on a smooth finish, thinking everything is up to par and then I hear this outrageous news at a

public hearing like it was just a minor glitch. I immediately informed the Town Council after I learned about this dilemma.”

Paulconer said that when he learned of the construction delay, he personally requested the project be finished no later than June 29 and that he be given an immediate response as to how the goal will be met.

“Going into the fourth summer without proper restroom facilities is highly unacceptable,” Faulconer said. “The

Ocean Beach community deserves the same permanent bathroom facilities as other beach communities. I will personally fight for — and with — the community, to see to it this matter is resolved quickly. The whole process has been crazy from the start and it needs to come to an end.”

Faulconer's push to have the Brighton Street comfort station finished by the end of June met with unanimous support from the Ocean Beach Town Council and drew criticism of city staff for the lack of

communication with Faulconer's office and the OBTC.

Among the OBTC's voices of concern was president, Jim Musgrove, who repeatedly questioned city civil engineer Elif Cetin.

“Why didn’t we get new facilities by Memorial Day weekend and why were we left in the dark to the last minute?” Musgrove asked.

Cetin said the project stalled because of the delivery of necessary materials like shower fixtures that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, along with electrical fixtures and steel fixtures to support the roof.

LANDON

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Dogs, a nonprofit 501(c)(3). Guardian Angel dogs are bred and trained for temperament and smell by Warren Retrievers, founded by Dan Warren, who is also a diabetic.

The Throms had to apply and be accepted for eligibility to receive a dog, which is expected to arrive this summer. A puppy is being picked for them based on Landon's needs and their lifestyle. But first, the puppy will be trained to recognize and alert to the scent of low and high blood-sugar levels. The dog will be able to detect glucose levels below 80 or above 180, reducing the need for constant blood monitoring and eliminating the deadly guessing game.

When the puppy arrives — which London has already decided to name Rocky — it will be accompanied by a trainer, who will live with the Throms for several days. This new breed of service dog can be trained to get juice boxes, insulin, blood glucose kits and even dial 911 in an emergency.

Rocky will bring peace of mind to the Throm household, but there are some things in their lives that won't change, like Anthony's demanding military career. He's up and off to work at 4 a.m. to ensure the crew of the USS Howard starts its day with a healthy breakfast.

"When I get home at 6 at night, there's time for dinner, the kids and bed," he said. "Amy is our rock. Every morning the first thing I do is make sure Landon's still breathing." Anthony said. "It's true what they say — until there's a cure for diabetes, there's a dog."

For more information about the June 16 picnic fundraiser for Landon, or to buy a ticket in advance, call (619) 222-5973, or email lastthrom@cox.net.

To make a tax-deductible donation for a diabetic alert dog for Landon, make checks payable to Guardian Angel Service Dogs and mail them to P.O. Box 910 Orange, Va., 22960. Indicate the donation is for Landon Throm. Donations can also be made online at Guardianangelservicedogs.org.

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Pointer quarterback candidate Avery Cramer follows through on a pass attempt during last week's flag football game that concluded spring drills as assistant coach Sean Cerny watches. Players are not allowed to wear pads during this instructional and conditioning period. Next up for team members is a one-month training and conditioning period that begins June 14 and concludes July 17.
Photo by Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

Realigned Western League figures prominently in Pointers' 2012 schedule

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

The 2012 football schedule for Point Loma High School will feature a realigned Western League and two big home game dates.

The season opens with the annual Kickoff Classic on Saturday, Sept. 1. All three Pointer teams christen PLHS's sparkling new turf field. Mar Vista provides the opposition. The freshmen play at 10 a.m.; junior varsity plays at 12:30 p.m.; and the varsity plays at 3 p.m.

The annual Homecoming game kicks off under the lights at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 12 against long-time rival La Jolla.

The league opponents will be changing this season for the Pointers, however. Leaving the league are Serra and Hoover highs, which move to the City League.

Kearny's Komets, formerly of the Central League, have joined the Western League, which shrinks from six members to five.

The addition of the Komets will renew a memorable rivalry shared with the Pointers for decades, one that featured legendary Pointer coach Bennie Edens and Birt Slater, his Kearny counterpart.

Over 43 seasons (1955-1997), Edens and his Pointers recorded 241 wins, 168 losses and 16 ties. He won five CIF titles (1962, 1966, 1982, 1987 and 1991).

Over 18 years (1959-1977), Slater's Komets recorded 134 wins, 42 losses and nine ties, two CIF titles (1963 and 1964).

The job of reigniting the Pointers-Kearny rivalry falls to current head coaches Mike Hastings and Kenny Nears, respectively.

The 2012 schedule also differs because the Pointers play 10 consecutive weeks with no byes.

- PLHS 2012 SCHEDULE
- **Saturday, Sept. 1** – Mar Vista, 3 p.m.
 - **Friday, Sept. 7** – Olympian, 7 p.m.
 - **Friday, Sept. 14** – at Lincoln, 6:30 p.m.
 - **Friday, Sept. 21** – Morse, 3 p.m.
 - **Friday, Sept. 28** – Scripps Ranch, 3 p.m.
 - **Friday, Oct. 5** – Kearny, 3 p.m. *
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 - **Friday, Oct. 19** – at Crawford, 3 p.m.
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Undefeated Pointer boys net league tennis title

The boys' tennis team at Point Loma High School finished undefeated in Eastern League play (12-0) to claim the championship. Overall, the Pointers finished 17-4.

Seeded No. 4 for CIF playoffs, the team lost in the semifinals to eventual champion Canyon Crest Academy 12-6.

Individually, junior Dominic Gareri, who finished 58-1 in season matches, was named Eastern League Athlete of the Year. He also defeated teammate Avery Cramer for the league singles championship by scores of 6-4 and 7-6 to claim his second consecutive league singles title.

Juniors Gareri, Cramer and Trenton Saunders joined senior Sabahudin Redzepovic on the All-League First Team.

In team awards, Gareri was named Most Valuable Player. Redzepovic was named Most Inspirational; Cramer earned honors for Best Sportsmanship. Saunders claimed the Most Improved title and Julio Bermudez and John Martinez were named Co-Rookies of the Year.

Mark Truver coaches the squad.

PLHS surfers win showdown, \$1,000 prize

In surfing action, the PLHS team took home a \$1,000 prize after a first-place finish in Division I of the first-ever Sun Diego High School Surf Team Showdown event at Seaside Reef in Cardiff.

Doing so involved knocking off two North County powers.

In the first round, the Pointers

outscored Carlsbad High School by a 61-49.5 margin. Later, PLHS trounced Torrey Pines High School by a 60-53 score.

The event was sponsored by SPY Optics. Devon Howard, the company's marketing director, noted "this event definitely spurred some new rivalries which will make next year's showdown even more exciting."

PLHS' surfing coach is John Murphy.

Ex-PLHS hurler earns additional honors

The honors continue to pile up for Kellen Urbon.

The 2011 graduate of Point Loma High School was named to the 2012 Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American Team, making him one of the best first-year collegiate players in the nation.

Urbon, used as a closing relief pitcher, led his Cornell team to the Ivy League championship and was a unanimous choice for All-Ivy League First Team and Rookie of the Year honors.

Ament earns baseball squad's leadership award

Senior outfielder Ryan Ament was named as the 2012 recipient of the Coach Delgado Leadership Award at the Pointer baseball team's annual banquet last week.

The award, named for longtime Pointer assistant coach Mike Delgado, honors a player who exhibits outstanding work ethic, continuous strong effort and constantly strives to improve his play.

Ament will play next year at Nyack College in New York.

While the varsity team elected not to present individual awards after its 7-22 season, the junior varsity team, under coach Kyle Harvey, won the Western League Championship (9-2 in league, 17-6 overall) and team members were honored for their athletic accomplishments.

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No bones about it: Dog Beach Dog Wash is definitely pooch heaven

By MARSHA KAY SEFF | THE BEACON

She hit upon the idea of starting a do-it-yourself dog wash while standing in her shower one day, shampooing her own two pets. Now, celebrating its 20th year, Jane Donley's Ocean Beach business is doing — pardon the pun — doggone well.

Last month, a 7½-pound pug became her 450,000th "customer," said Donley, who owns Dog Beach Dog Wash on Voltaire Street with her partner, Mindy Pellissier.

Donley said between 400 and 500 dogs a week are bathed in the shop's five waist-high tubs and a puppy sink, mostly after a romp on nearby Dog Beach. The doors are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week.

"Our biggest day was in August 2004, when we had 168 dogs in 14 hours," Donley said. "Our biggest week was in 1999 with 716 dogs ... I believe this makes us the busiest dog wash in the country."

To mark the occasion, Oscar the pug and his "guardians," Carolyn and Rob Voss, got a free wash and a gift bag of coupons, doggie toys and treats. And at 8:20 a.m., when the dog ambled in, there were mimosas for all the adults.

Donley recalls when her late dog Breaker, an Australian-shepherd mix, had a flea allergy and needed to be bathed every day for two weeks. Living in a condo, she said, she didn't have a yard

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and had to do the honors in her shower.

Then, the dogs ran through the house shaking off water. Cleaning the dogs, the house and all the towels, took about four hours.

"And I never thought the dogs got cleaned very well," Donley said.

So, with the new business idea in mind, she walked to Dog Beach to run her idea by other pet owners. They loved it and promised to use the shop that would be just a few blocks from the popular beach. "Everyone said they had planned to open one, and we did it."

In less than two years, Donley, a former public relations manager in the health field, and her partner, a former nurse, were turning a profit. Not a huge one,

but a profit, Donley said. The income pays the bills. "And I finally paid off the bank this year."

When they opened, they charged \$5 for owners to wash their own dogs. Two decades later, the dog wash is offering the do-it-yourself shampoos with 90-degree water for \$13, a little extra for specialty shampoos and cream rinses. Plastic aprons — an obvious necessity — are available for free. There's a professional on hand for nail trimming at \$13.

Akira, a lab and basenji mix loves the place, according to owner Amy Ouska, who recently swung by on the way home from Dog Beach.

"It's so much easier here," said Ouska. "You can stand and don't have to bend over."

Donley didn't build walls between the sinks because, she believes, the dogs like to socialize with each other.

Unlike when the dogs visit their veterinarians, there's no stress here, Donley said.

"We try to make it fun and light-hearted," she said.

And even the dogs who are a little skittish get free treats on the way out.

The best part of the dog wash, Oscar's "parents" told Donley, "The dogs and people are happy when they come and even happier when they leave."

• **Dog Beach Dog Wash,**
4933 Voltaire St., (619) 523-1700,
www.dogwash.com.



Dean Serrano demonstrates patience while bathing his reluctant collie. Photos by Marsha Kay Seff

People in the news

Choy to join national forum on medicine

Graysen Choy, a sophomore at Point Loma High School, has been invited to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF) on Medicine.

Choy departs June 24 for a 10-day trip to to Boston to shadow doctors and learn about a career in medicine.

NYLF is held each year in 18 different cities and helps prepare gifted students for their academic future and professional careers. The forums are offered in a

variety of topics and career fields including law, medicine, collegiate success and national security.

Students are nominated to attend the forum by teachers, community mentors or alumni of NYLF. Students must be high-achieving and have an interest in the various career fields.

Choy takes honors and AP classes at Point Loma High and is on the Honor Roll. Last year, she was selected for the Champions Sports Corps Leadership Development Program and the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Program.

In addition, Choy was sophomore Homecoming Princess, has played varsity soccer and junior varsity tennis for both years and has played with Albion Soccer Club since she was 9 years old. She is also a member of Mothers and Daughters Club Assisting Philanthropies (MADCAPS), and enjoys surfing and playing guitar and drums.

Point Loman to helm SD Women's Foundation

The San Diego Women's Foundation has announced that Rita Solberg, a longtime Point Loma resident and well-known and accomplished community leader, will take on the role of president of the foundation's board of directors for the upcoming year.

A volunteer in San Diego for more than 25 years, Solberg joined the foundation in 2004 and has been an active

and committed member since.

Adding to her foundation efforts are Solberg's many other community roles and accomplishments. She has served as president of the Junior League of San Diego and the Francis Parker School Parents' Association. She is a past president of Mothers and Daughters Club Assist-

ing Philanthropies (MADCAPS), and was a board member of Voices for Children and Lutheran Social Services of Southern California.

Solberg is a LEAD San Diego graduate and recent honoree as a Salvation Army Woman of Dedication. She holds a master's degree in nursing from UCLA.

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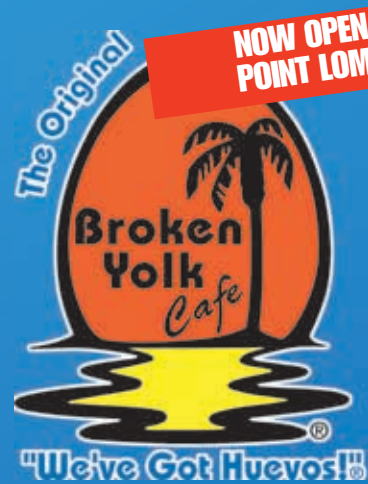
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Electric Ladyland launches live theater offerings

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

With its proximity to the beach and a host of nightspots to catch live music or comedy, Ocean Beach has long been an entertainment destination. The only thing missing from the arts equation has been a movie house or a spot to catch live theater.

Now, thanks to the folks at Electric Ladyland on Newport Avenue, both will soon be a part of the local area's cultural highlights.

Opened in February 2010 by Paul and Lynne Bolton, the location is already established as a music venue and school for budding musicians. And beginning Thursday, June 21, Electric Ladyland will begin hosting plays from the Different Stages Theatre Company, with movie screenings to follow later this summer.

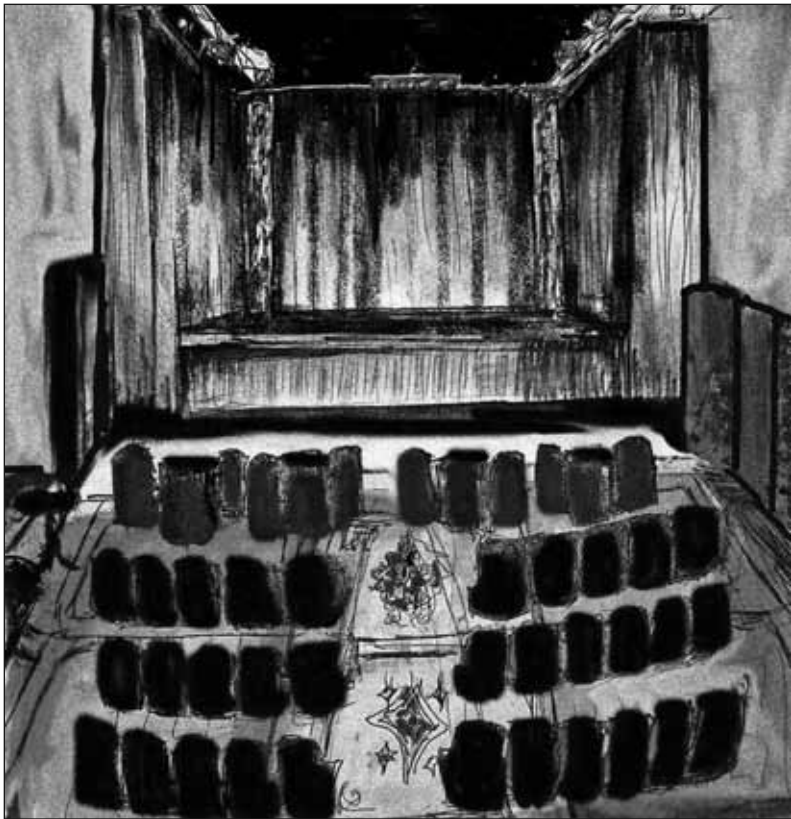
"We were given the opportunity to take over the back space of our building and knew that the area had always wanted more cultural activities," said Lynne Bolton. "We realized that the school wasn't enough to pay all the bills, so we looked at other things to expand what we're doing. The theater idea seemed like a natural extension. We just put it online that we were interested in this and this wonderful man, Jerry Pilato, contacted us."

Productions are booked through May 2013, with Craig Pospisil's "Somewhere in Between" set to be staged June 21-29 at the 100-seat venue. Helmed by managing artistic director Pilato, who is best known for his work with Broadway San Diego, the production is directed by Kristen Fogle and George Bailey. Pilato spent 23 years producing works in Texas before relocating to San Diego in 2005.

According to Pilato, the name of the theater company may change, although it works in the interim.

"We have the original name because we didn't have a home at the time and would literally be doing shows on different stages," he said. "We'll probably keep the name for a while, since plays go through different stages as well from auditions to finished performances, but my goal is to eventually change it to something with Ocean Beach in the title to promote its location."

Pilato had been doing sporadic events, but a Facebook post from Electric Lady-



A rendering made by Electric Ladyland co-owner Lynne Bolton shows the four front table settings inside the venue's new theater for live productions and – later this summer – movie screenings. The rest of the floor plan is said to be theater seating on folding chairs with black chair covers and banquet seating along the wall.

Courtesy Lynne Bolton

land led him to the Boltons and the new arrangement.

"I'd been looking for a place, so when I saw Paul and Lynne saying online that they wanted to host live theater, I jumped at that," said Pilato. "I've never really been able to promote a season of shows because I never knew where I would be able to stage things. So this is going to make things more exciting and doable."

He plans for the productions to be eclectic.

"As far as genre or style goes, we're going to be doing a little bit of everything," he said. "I want to get into a position where we can actually do some musicals that aren't necessarily the 'Sound of Music' or 'Oklahoma,'" Pilato said.

There will also be late-night shows with more "off-the-wall" productions and evenings with one act, 10-minute plays.

Though Ocean Beach has not been pre-

viously noted for theater, Pilato feels the area is ripe for such a venture.

"I like the Ocean Beach ambience," he said. "It's so eclectic. I like the laid-back feel of the area. I also like the fact that it's getting away from downtown, with Pacific Beach and Mission Beach nearby. We're hoping to draw from those areas as well."

Pilato said he is thrilled to have a new stage to work on.

"It's a passion that I've had my whole life, that's all I've been doing," he said. "Finally, after living here for seven years, I have a place that I can call home as far as my theater group is concerned. This way I can plan out a season and get ready for the next year. It makes it all really exciting right now."

For more information, visit electricladylandob.com, call (619) 222-0836 or email electricladyland@att.net.

After tragic blow, Schiele returns to healing power of OB

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

Ocean Beach has been fortunate to have so many people who care about the community and who are willing to pitch in and do their best to make the area a better place.

One who has made a big impact over the last decade has been singer-songwriter-promoter Chuck Schiele, who has done everything from designing graphics for the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA) to booking the OB Farmers Market's weekly concerts.

He relocated to the East Coast in 2010, but is returning to perform at the Farmers Market Showcase on June 20 — a preview of the musical talent that will be on display during the June 23 Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival — and at the wildly popular street fair itself.

Schiele was born in San Jose and raised in New York. He arrived locally in 1979 to attend art school at San Diego State University. His departure in 2010 came after the loss of one of his friends and musical partners, Craig Yerkes in 2008.

"I found myself still devastated, insane, depressed and dysfunctionally reclusive — just plain sad," Schiele said. "Two years after losing my dear friend to a car crash, I just wasn't coping. I was messing things up, spiraling downward. I was tired and wanted to change channels and hit the reset button, so to speak."

"At the same time, my mom's getting older, my grandpa is older, so I have a deep urge to be more present in their lives and



Courtesy photo

Musician Chuck Schiele, a mover and shaker on the local music scene for many years in Ocean Beach, left for the East Coast in 2010 after a fatal car crash killed friend and music partner Craig Yerkes two years before. Schiele, who said he has since managed to "re-center," has returned to play during the Farmers Market Showcase in OB on June 20 and at the June 23 Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival.

to take care of them," he said. "I put these two things together and decided to make a change in my life. I left quietly."

He has continued to make music while in New York, however.

"I spent a lot of time just sitting quietly with family and friends, re-centering," Schiele said. "I kinda put the guitar down for a while, but by now I'm over a lot of my grief — as much as I'm going to be. I've been playing more and more. I even started playing in the band at the church I grew up in."

"It's a good thing to play music from a different motivation other than to simply sell beer for a club owner, or from a business perspective," he said. "I do that to simply make the joyful noise."

Now re-centered, he's working on a new CD for release later this year. While he has been busy recording and playing on the East Coast, he said there is much he misses about Ocean Beach.

"I miss the spirit of OB," Schiele said. "I miss OBMA meetings, talking about the cool stuff that I saw go into action on the street. I miss a real burrito from Nico's. I miss schmoozing at South Beach while sipping Corralejo tequila with my pals."

"I miss the sound of seals barking just before dawn," he said. "And I miss all the beautiful people dancing to all the beautiful music from anywhere in Ocean Beach, backyard barbecues, clubs on the strip, outdoor events, jammin' at your buddy's house. I miss little teeny kids dancing to my music at the farmers market on Wednesdays. I miss that good culture."

Schiele said he hopes to return to Ocean Beach eventually.

"I still consider myself a part of the San Diego community, a part of the San Diego music community and a brother of Ocean Beach," he said. "I am still very proud to be Obecian. My body has left the building, but my heart is still strolling Newport [Avenue]."

Meanwhile, he said he's still happy to be making music.

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Pacific Sotheby's International Realty Announces Powerhouse Partnership

SAN DIEGO (June 6, 2012) -- Pacific Sotheby's International Realty announced Steve Games and Nyda Jones-Church have joined forces with Brian Arrington and are now partners in Pacific Sotheby's International Realty.

Games has joined the firm as chairman of the board and Jones-Church will act as chief operating officer. Brian Arrington will continue to serve as president and chief executive officer. Pacific Sotheby's International Realty operates eight offices in the San Diego market with locations in Point Loma, Coronado, La Jolla, Mission Hills and La Mesa. Pacific Sotheby's International Realty has also acquired the Rancho Santa Fe office that was previously Coast/Hom Sotheby's International Realty as well as the rights for Sotheby's International Realty in San Diego County.

"Steve Games and Nyda Jones-Church bring a deep background of service and expertise in the San Diego market," said Philip White, president and chief operating officer, Sotheby's International Realty Affiliates LLC. "Their vision, combined with the quality firm Brian Arrington has built, lays the groundwork for future growth in recruiting the region's top talent and building the Sotheby's International Realty brand's market presence in the high-end markets of San Diego, Rancho Santa Fe, Del Mar, La Jolla and Coronado. Steve and Nyda founded Pickford Realty in 1985 and since that time have the distinction of operating one of top five real estate companies in America. The strength of an established and growing luxury real estate firm coupled with the power of two market legends creates a very powerful union."

According to Arrington, the addition of Games and Jones-Church will help create a market powerhouse. "This is a pivotal time in San Diego's real estate market, with great opportunities for future growth," he said. "Steve Games and Nyda Jones-Church bring further depth and breadth of experience to our management team as the company intensifies its push to become the leader in luxury residential real estate sales in San Diego. We intend to open additional offices in other key locations in order to serve the most highly-desirable markets of San Diego County."

The Sotheby's International Realty® network currently has more than 12,100 sales associates located in approximately 620 offices in 45 countries and territories worldwide.

"By joining forces with Pacific Sotheby's International Realty we now have access to the cutting-edge marketing resources and global exposure of the Sotheby's International Realty brand," said Games. "We have proudly served the San Diego community for nearly 30 years and look forward to working with Brian and his team to create the area's leading expert in luxury real estate."

Pacific Sotheby's International Realty listings are marketed on the sothebysrealty.com (<http://www.sothebysrealty.com/en/home.aspx>) global website. In addition to the referral opportunities and widened exposure generated from this source, the firm's brokers and clients will benefit from an association with the Sotheby's auction house and worldwide Sotheby's International Realty marketing programs..

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Peninsula-area events, June 17 through June 24

SUNDAY, June 17
The Friends of the Point Loma Library will host the Dan Reagan Latin Jazz Quartet in a free concert on the lawn of Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. The concert takes place at 2 p.m. Guests are invited to bring lawn blankets and/or lawn chairs. For more information, visit www.plfol.org.

TUESDAY, June 19
Deadline for the Peninsula Beacon's 18th annual Amateur Photo Contest. Enter your best photo portraying the Peninsula area taken in the past year. Photos will be displayed at *The Peninsula Beacon* booth during the Ocean Beach Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off Festival on Saturday, June 23. The public will vote for its favorite pictures. And it may just be yours! Prizes will be awarded for the top three photos, which will be also be published in the June 28 *Peninsula Beacon*. For details and contest rules, see Page 4.

WEDNESDAY, June 20
Point Loma United Methodist Church hosts a free session of "Yoga for Your Back" from noon until 12:45 p.m. Yoga can help heal back pain and facilitate post-injury and post-surgery recovery. The event is held at the church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. To register, visit www.dharayoga.com, call (619) 788-4838, or email info@dharayoga.com.

THURSDAY, June 21
The Ocean Beach Historical Society (OBHS) and the California Surf Museum (CSM) present "OB's Notable Women Surfers," a free presentation at 7 p.m.

The OBHS and the CSM will team for an entertaining overview of some of Ocean Beach's notable women surfers. Presenters include Jane Schmauss, a historian at the CSM; and local artist/surfer/historian Cher Pendarvis. The duo will celebrate the growth of women's surfing in the area, beginning with Faye Baird Fraser, considered to be San Diego's first boardwoman, on to the Vahine Kai Surf Club, and other stand-out individuals. Boards, bathing suits and photos will round out the evening's presentation. The event takes place at the Point Loma United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. For more information, visit obhistory.wordpress.com.

FRIDAY, June 22
Point Loma United Methodist Church hosts "Discount Yoga Therapy Day," a meditative hands-on yoga therapy for special conditions. Sessions are \$15 for 30 minutes, by appointment, at the church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. For an appointment, visit www.dharayoga.com, call (619) 788-4838, or email info@dharayoga.com.

SATURDAY, June 23
The 33rd annual Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival arrives to feature a delicious chili showdown, huge lineup of musical entertainment, a beer garden, Artists' Alley and children's Fun Zone. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the 4800 to 5000 blocks of Newport Avenue. Look for more details in coming editions of the *Peninsula Beacon*. Also for more information, visit www.oceanbeach-sandiego.com.

SUNDAY, June 24
All Souls' Episcopal Church will host its last concert of the season with "Pushkin's Wreath." The choral concert by Russian composer Georgy Sviridov is based on the poetry of Alek-

sander Pushkin. It is a collection of poetic gems, brilliantly illustrated with light watercolor tones and lush, heavy oil paint harmonies. Some of the best singers of San Diego County will join to perform this beautiful work. The concert takes place at 4 p.m. at the church, 1475 Catalina Blvd. Donations accepted at the door. For more information, visit musicavitala.instantcore.com.

The FanFaire Foundation will present "Twinkle, Little Stars," an afternoon of chamber and solo pieces showcasing San Diego's musical stars-in-the-making. The free family concert series and "Kids Playing for KIDS" programs are held in partnership with the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library and the Point Loma Credit Union. The event begins at 2 p.m. at the library, 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, visit www.fanfairefoundation.org.

OBITUARY

Wedekind, 59, the classic surfer girl

Gayle Wisley Wedekind, a native San Diegan who embodied the spirit of the classic surfer girl, passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 4, 2012. She was 59.

She is survived by her husband, Lionel; father Ron; brother, Craig; and two stepsisters, Sharon and Janice, who all loved her so very much.

Born March 13, 1952, Gayle attended Sunset View Elementary School, Dana Junior High and Point Loma High School, graduating with honors.

After high school, Gayle, Lionel and their good friend, Arnold Murillo, traveled in a 1957 Volkswagen bus in Panama, then moved on to South America for 2 1/2 years.

Gayle always knew how to have a good time and how to make those around her smile. She had a love of all animals and



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The free event features a different theme each Saturday including California Day, Women of the West, Soldiers and Citizens, TwainFest and Vaquero Day.

Attendees will enjoy afternoons filled with activities that reflect life in early San Diego and celebrate the West on the move. Through vignettes, demonstrations, living history activities, stories and songs, visitors will gain an appreciation for early modes of transportation and daily life.

July – West on the Move - After the Mexican War, more and more set-

tlers came to San Diego as a place to live or as a resting point prior to heading to the gold fields of Northern California. Today, California State Parks will present demonstrations and activities that promote 19th century transportation.

July 14 – California Day – From 1821 through 1848, the people who lived in Southern California were called "Californios" rather than Mexicans. Those unique "Californio" cultural such as gambling and paper flower making will be presented.

July 21 – Women of the West -- Women played an important part in the development of the West. Some of the daily activities of these women will be demonstrated on this Saturday.

July 28 – Games and Amuse-

ments -- In the 1800s, games and amusements were commonly associated with large celebrations that incorporated most of the local townspeople. This day will pay tribute to traditional games of the time.

August 4 – Trades That Shaped Westward Expansion -- As towns developed in the West so did the need for specialized trades and artisans. Old Town San Diego will present pivotal 19th century trades that shaped the community of San Diego.

August 11 – Vaquero Drive -- Cattle was the single most important economic resource for Southern California for more than 50 years. This day will give the opportunity to learn about the hide and tallow trade, chuck wagon cooking, roping, branding, sad-

dle making and more.

August 18 – TwainFest -- The festival marks 102 years of Mark Twain's passing and celebrates the American author as well as some of his peers. Excerpts from famous works will be read aloud by costumed San Diego actors at a variety of park venues throughout the day.

August 25 – Soldiers and Citizens -- In the mid-1840s, California went to war with Mexico. United States troops were stationed in San Diego County and fought here in an effort to support the war. This day will feature military practices that changed San Diego forever.

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Welcome Tami Fuller



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Ascent Real Estate is proud and honored to welcome Tami Fuller as a premier agent at our Point Loma/Ocean Beach office.

Tami Fuller has become a household name in the communities Point Loma and Ocean Beach – her area of specialty. When most people think of real estate in these neighborhoods, they think of Tami Fuller.

Tami's real estate career began in 1988 and she has gained tremendous knowledge and experience. She also developed a dynamic marketing and buyer strategy that evolves with her clients' needs, market conditions and changing technology. As a result, Tami and her team have successfully guided hundreds of families and individuals through the home buying and home selling process. Along the way, she has been honored with numerous achievement awards and is consistently recognized as one of the top selling agents in San Diego County. But, most important to Tami is the trust and honor given to her by friends and clients with their repeat business and referrals.

Tami is an active member of several professional organizations, including San Diego's Women Council of Realtors, Point Loma Association and Ocean Beach Historical Association.

We welcome Tami and her team with open arms to our Point Loma/Ocean Beach branch, located in the historic Liberty Station, 2468 Historic Decatur Road, Suite 250.

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