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OB Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off Fest: sights, sounds and action galore

The 33rd annual Ocean Beach and Chili Cook-Off Festival fielded perfect weather Saturday to celebrate its annual community beach bash and mark the 125th anniversary of OB all in one fell swoop. The event, which annually draws about 70,000 visitors, was brimming with food, musical entertainment and activities. Among the attractions was Coors Light's 3-D street art, **above**, celebrating the Silver Bullet Aluminum Pint. San Diego — specifically Ocean Beach — was one of five cities chosen by Coors to display the 15-foot by 30-foot street art. **Left**, the Bhanavii family of Mission Hills enjoys its annual pilgrimage to the OB Street Fair with some grilled corn on the cob. More photos on Page 4 and chili cook-off winners on Page 11. Look for our online photo gallery at www.sdnews.com.

Photos by Jim Grant | The Beacon

Action urged as plan unfurled to stem erosion at Sunset Cliffs

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN | THE BEACON

The meeting had been in the making since 1926 — but the presentation of the draft final plan for a drainage system to reduce erosion of the bluffs at Sunset Cliffs Natural Park is now a reality. And the hope is that the city won't wait another 86 years for work to begin.

On June 20, about 30 concerned parties met at Jim Howard Hall in Ocean Beach's Robb Athletic Field to hear city associate civil engineer Paul Jacob present the plan to stem the bluffs' deterioration.

Natural and manmade storm runoff and the impact of thousands of visitors has been wearing down the sandstone surfaces for decades — and Jacob said that while the city has made a number of attempts to halt the erosion, the last 10 years have seen the dilemma enter the public conversation. In 2011, a Yahoo! News service listed the park as the nation's fourth most-rapidly disappearing natural area because of erosion and other factors.

The park, dedicated in 1983, encompasses 68 acres of bluffs and walking

paths that extend from Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) on the south to Adair Street on the north. About 18 acres run parallel to Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, while the remainder is made up of cliffs that descend to the Pacific Ocean.

Jacob said the plan addresses preventive erosion measures only and isn't designed to remedy damage that's already occurred.

Today, Jacob said, the regional and state water-quality control boards have incor-

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Stop-gap accord reached to retain SDUSD teachers

Pact could reverse pink-slip bloodletting

By PATRICIA WALSH | THE BEACON

The San Diego Education Association (SDEA) and San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) have reached a tentative agreement over the 2012-13 school year contract that, if ratified by educators, would enable the district to recall nearly 1,400 teachers, nurses and counselors who earlier this year received pink slips.

In the Point Loma Cluster, more than 70 teachers and other staff serving 6,385 students received lay-off notices, according to district documents. The layoffs represent 20 percent of the cluster's regular classroom teachers, which include English, general subjects, physical education, science, social science and visual and performing arts teachers. In addition, school counselors, nurses and special education teachers also received notices.

The agreement needed to be ratified by a majority vote of the SDEA membership from Sunday through Tuesday. Tallies were being completed at press time Wednesday. Provisions include:

- Teachers deferring raises promised to them in previous negotiations.
- Teachers will work five unpaid furlough days. An additional 14 furlough days are possible if a November tax measure on the ballot fails.

• A \$25,000 retirement incentive will be offered to the first 300 SDEA members who are older than 55 and have more than 25 years of experience.

If educators ratify the tentative agreement, teachers would be recalled as early as the end of the month.

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The Barnard Elementary School property may net at least \$9 million. Photo by Jim Grant | The Beacon

District OKs sale of Barnard school site

By PATRICIA WALSH
THE BEACON

To raise money to offset a projected \$120 million budget deficit, the San Diego Unified School District continued its path to sell Barnard Elementary School by approving the "intent to sell" the property, as well as six other district-owned properties. The move to sell the assets, valued at more than \$26 million, received the supermajority 4-1 vote it needed to pass.

Trustee Scott Barnett — whose District C is home to the largest and most valuable real estate elements on the table — the 9.37-acre Barnard site and 2.23 acres of oceanfront property in Mission Beach — opposed the sale as he has since the board began voting on the issue in November.

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Readers called the shots in this year's *Beacon* photo contest!

The results of *The Beacon's* 2012 Amateur Photo Contest are in, and readers have made their choices! During balloting at Saturday's Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off, more than 500 votes were cast for 29 unique submissions. **Left**, placing first with 63 votes was this surfer getting a little one-on-one time with a friendly brown pelican at what is commonly called "Garbage Beach." The photo was captured by Chere Thomas. For her winning effort, Thomas will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Donovan's Steak & Chop House.

The second-place entry, **top right**, drew 39 votes for Tom Hoyer's shot of this surfer silhouetted by the setting sun with the Ocean Beach Pier in the background. Hoyer will receive two tickets for a whale watching and sight-seeing cruise.

Separated by only two votes at **bottom right**, third place was claimed by Kearney Bennett with this beautiful shot of waves retreating from a sculpted ocean-carved shelf and crevice at Sunset Cliffs. Bennett will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Solare Ristorante.

Congratulations to the winners and to all who participated! Many thanks also to our loyal readers who voted in this year's contest! We'll do it again next year!

— The Beacon staff





As the saying goes, "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas." Only *The Peninsula Beacon* may know for sure, as we traveled with Melissa Botts to Las Vegas for her friend's bachelorette party. This photo was taken outside Caesar's Palace.

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Dr. Dena Riso of Peninsula Hearing Center, left, and friend Ruby Sortillon take *The Beacon* to Harvard University.



Greg and Cheryl Boncimino took *The Beacon* to south-east Asia recently. This shot of Greg was taken in Malaysia in front of the legendary Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur. The couple also took *The Beacon* to Pattaya, Thailand, a popular beach destination. "It was a bit difficult to bring *The Beacon* with us, but at 8,920 miles from Point Loma, we think we may win the award for furthest distance carried."

Lifeguards brace for busy summer of rescues, ambassador-like roles

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

June 11 was the first official day of San Diego lifeguard's super-busy summer season lasting through Labor Day on Sept. 3, and the department was ready with a beefed-up staff to handle the annual mass-migration of tourists and locals to coastal beaches.

"There is full summer staffing at all Mission Bay beaches from now until the end of summer every day from Ocean Beach to Torrey Pines State Beach," said San Diego Lifeguard Lt. John Everhart. "We base our summer schedule on the city school district being out."

Everhart said the annual displacement of students, local and not, from classrooms to beaches adds greatly to the daily coastal population as does "people traveling with their kids out of school trying to get an early jump on summer vacation."

Since spring, Everhart said lifeguards have been gradually "ramping up" equipment and personnel preparing for summer during which time medically certified seasonal lifeguards are added to bolster staff up and down the coast.

"We look forward to having our seasonal staff, who do a great job for us, back to work providing service during summer months," Everhart said. "I would say our staff is more like triple what it is the slowest time of the year, in the middle of the winter."

But, noted Everhart, how busy lifeguards actually are in relation to how many of them there are on duty compared to how many people are actually on the beach, varies considerably factoring in the time of the year and the weather on any given day.

"It's all relative," he said. "Typically, springtime is when we are the busiest per-guard we have on duty. On a hot weekend in the spring, when we don't have full summer staffing, we can still get huge crowds. Right now [mid-June] we have normal summer staffing levels to handle moderate conditions and typical crowds."

In the slower winter season, when lifeguard staffing is at its lowest, stormy weather can bring lots of unanticipated work for lifeguard rescue and beach teams alike.

"When you get big surf, tons of peo-

ple go in the water," Everhart said.

There is one day, though, during the year that is absolutely guaranteed busy: the Fourth of July holiday.

"Obviously, Fourth of July is our busiest day in terms of crowds," Everhart said. "No matter what the weather, beaches are going to be packed with people who've been going there for 20 years."

Initially concerned that much-needed lifeguard equipment and personnel requests might be left out of the recently approved city fiscal budget beginning July 1, San Diego Fire-Rescue Chief Javier Mainar, who oversees lifeguards, said the department ultimately fared well this year.

"They [lifeguards] have two boats for firefighting on Mission Bay and one was completely out of service and a new vessel is being purchased, and the other had an engine that needed to be replaced and both of these needs are being met," Mainar said. "We also had concerns about not having enough relief lifeguards floating around to allow us to do training and reduce time for overtime, but the city funded three relief positions."

For some time, said Mainar, lifeguards have sought to become part of the city's wellness program that benefits both police and fire departments. This year, he said, that request was finally granted.

"It's a very physical occupation and lifeguards were not part of that [Wellness] program," he said. "I asked for \$80,000 in funding per year, and the City Council approved that."

Mainar said the City Council had concerns with the mayor's proposed budget not containing the lifeguard positions in the wellness program.

"The mayor felt there was insufficient funding to grant that request at this time," he said. "But since revenues came in a bit stronger, the Council said now we have additional revenue, so now they're funding that request."

"We're ready for another busy summer," concluded Everhart, pointing out San Diego's beaches, regardless of the weather, are always a major draw.

"We stay busy year-round now," he said. "It's pretty amazing."



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OB set to light up night sky with July 4 pyrotechnics

By **MARIKO LAMB** | THE BEACON

San Diego's skies will light up in a sparkling spectacle this Independence Day for an annual tradition as American as apple pie and baseball. It's time to gather up the loved ones, don the red, white and blue, and celebrate at any number of the city's dazzling fireworks shows this Fourth of July.

For an always-surprising and impressive fireworks display synced to the tunes of KyXy 96.5's hits, Ocean Beach will witness a blazing exhibition of colorful lights shot off from the OB Pier. In celebration of Ocean Beach's 125th anniversary, organizers assure the display will feature something extra special this year.

"It's a surprise!" teased Denny Knox, executive director of the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA). "We never let anyone know what's coming. Mike Akey [past OBMA president] negotiated with the fireworks company to bring us something special this year."

Knox suggests that visitors park inland — away from the beach — and walk toward the coast to guarantee the easiest exit after the show.

For those who stick around, Ocean Beach's famed marshmallow fight will ensue just after the final spark has burned out.

"Originally, it was a small marshmallow fight on the sand between some locals," said Knox. "We are hoping people will go back to only throwing marshmallows on the sand and not on the street after the fireworks. On the street, the marshmallows are almost impossible to clean up and it costs us a fortune to clean the street numerous times."

She also urged those who participate in the marshmallow throwing to join other community-minded residents early the next morning to clean up the aftermath.

"Morning After Mess" cleanups, hosted by Surfrider, will take place throughout the coastal communities on July 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. Locations include the Ocean Beach Pier, Belmont Park, the end of Pacific Beach Drive and the South Harbor Jetty in Oceanside.

Visit www.surfridersd.org or call (858) 792-9940 for more details.

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- The Fourth of July fireworks show



Obecians will be treated to a roughly 20-minute show on the Fourth of July during the annual community pyrotechnics display from the Ocean Beach Pier. *Courtesy photos by Joe Ewing*

at **La Jolla Cove** is a place where local friends, families and neighbors have come together to salute America for nearly 30 years.

"The fireworks display is a part of our community," said Deborah Marenco, director of the La Jolla Community Fireworks Foundation. "Besides being an extremely important patriotic event, the Fourth of July brings many people together to celebrate in Scripps Park, La Jolla Shores, many homes that view the fireworks, and visitors to our community."

The brilliant, 16-minute pyrotechnics display will begin at 9 p.m. and can be viewed from just about anywhere around La Jolla Cove and La Jolla Shores, including Scripps Park and Kellogg Park.

For more information or to donate to the show, visit www.savelajollafireworks.com. Donations will be accepted until July 4.

• **SeaWorld San Diego** will host an "Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular" — an extended display set to patriotic music — at 9:30 p.m. on July 4.

• In an unfortunate development for the Mission Bay area, the **Mission Bay Yacht Club's** 20-plus-year tradition of pyrotechnics displays from the club's docks has been shelved for lack of funding. Organizers cited increasing costs of environmental permits for fireworks shows, along with decreasing community support.

The displays are estimated to cost the yacht club \$26,000 annually, including an extra \$2,000 paid for mandatory water-quality testing.

The yacht club's decision leaves SeaWorld's display as the primary July 4 pyrotechnics show on Mission Bay.

• **La Jolla Country Club:** fireworks visible from Mount Soledad, approximately 8:20 p.m.

• **San Diego Bay:** "Big Bay Boom 2012," 9 p.m.

OTHER JULY 4-RELATED ACTIVITIES

• **Embarcadero:** San Diego Symphony presents "Star Spangled Pops" with Marvin Hamlisch on Friday, June 29; Saturday, June 30 and Sunday, July 1 (all shows at 7:30 p.m.) Hamlisch will lead the symphony in a rousing Independence Day salute that will feature John Philip Sousa marches, "American Idol" stars, a tribute to the military and a spectacular fireworks display to light up the sky near the Embarcadero Marina Park South. \$18 to \$76. For more information, visit www.sandiegosymphony.org.

• **University City:** July 4, Standley Park, all-day festivities (no fireworks) to include a 5K run, pancake breakfast, live entertainment, food and games.

• **Old Town San Diego:** July 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parade, crafts and activities linked to San Diego's history, a pie-eating contest and wagon rides.

— *Kevin McKay contributed to this story*

'Red Brick Church' unveils major renovations for 75th anniversary

By **PATRICIA WALSH** | THE BEACON

The Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church, often referred to as the "Red Brick Church" by residents, took a "generational step forward" June 23 and 24 at its 75th anniversary celebration when it unveiled renovations to the church and campus at a Saturday night gala and during Sunday services.

"This is a place of community," said the Rev. Dr. John Paul Powell. The iconic church campus is on 2.5 acres at the heavily traveled intersection in Loma Portal where Chatsworth Boulevard intersects Voltaire Street and Poinsettia Drive.

"People driving by look at the church and see it as a happy place," said Powell. "We're a bright beacon in a dark world."

The first of two phases of the church's \$2.5 million renovation included gutting the sanctuary built in 1954. Inside, stone floors were installed under pews. The mahogany pews were refurbished, the chancel was raised, new lighting was installed and a media suite was added the balcony. The centerpiece of the sanctuary's remodel is a new 3,000-pipe, 52-rank organ that faces a 15-foot stained-glass window.

Outside, a prayer garden of benches and contemporary landscaping replaced an underutilized grassy area of mature trees.

"We have great bones, but needed a facelift," Powell said. "It was tired."

Powell said the major costs of the renovation were the \$200,000 stained-glass window and \$850,000 Blackinton-built organ. A company based in El Cajon, Blackinton is nationally renowned for its organs.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for an organist to have a new instrument built," said organist Alicia McMillan.

The previous 16-rank organ was incorporated into the new instrument. To demonstrate the organ's depth, McMillan chose Johann Sebastian Bach's "Toccata and Feude in D Minor, BWV 538" for its Sunday service debut.

"The piece shows the wonderful



The Rev. Dr. John Paul Powell stands at the gateway to the new prayer garden at the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church. The garden is part of the church's \$2.5 million renovation.

Photo by Patricia Walsh | The Beacon

rainbow of sounds and colors of the organ," McMillan said.

The west-facing stained-glass window, which brings in light where there was previously a wall, was produced by Michael Huff and Suzy Spafford Lidstrom. The creator of Suzy's Zoo greeting cards, Spafford Lidstrom also illustrated the window. It is made up of nearly 800 pieces of glass in 15 panels that depict a cross above a scene of the tip of Point Loma jutting into the the Pacific Ocean.

The outdoor prayer garden is an open but secure oasis in a high-density urban hodgepodge of competing architecture. Larger nearby buildings include the James Edgar & Jean Jessop Hervey Point Loma Library built in 2003 with a nautical theme, and a Point Loma High School classroom building that debuted in 2010 to an "Onion Award" from the San Diego Architectural Foundation. An eclectic collection of residential buildings and businesses, including a hostel, fill in the area.

The prayer garden is a "sacred space," Powell said. "I hope skateboarders show some respect."

Skateboard deterrents that blend

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Surfrider promotes landscaping program to OB, Pt. Loma residents

Ocean Beach and Point Loma residents have long endured problems of stormwater flooding, an eroding coastline and polluted beaches from rainwater runoff. But now they can learn firsthand how to mitigate those problems by attending Surfrider Foundation's Garden Party event at the Ocean Beach Hotel on Thursday, June 28 from 5 to 8 p.m.

"The event will be a beautiful evening of music, wine and appetizers, but more importantly we will be introducing local homeowners to our Ocean Friendly Gardens Program," said Susan Krzywicki, program chairwoman.

"Everyone always wants to know why Surfrider is involved in gardening," she said. "Well, in nature, everything is connected. An ocean-friendly garden can help stop erosion, stop polluted runoff, save water (thereby lowering water bills), create native habitat for birds and butterflies, and is part of a comprehensive landscaping solution needed for the Ocean Beach and Sunset Cliffs area."

The three-year-old program is meeting with a lot of success in coastal communities, which see it as an answer to cleaner beaches, better coastal preservation and lower water and energy use, according to Surfrider officials. The event will offer an opportunity for residents to get answers on how to make an

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SUSAN KRZYWICKI
Surfrider program chairwoman

impact on their community.

"We are not talking about xeriscaping," said Krzywicki. "We are talking about using lush, flowering plants, techniques to bank water in our soil and sustainable ways to improve our communities during times of drought or flood, which is what we deal with in Southern California."

Flamenco guitar by Dennis Bergstrom of B'Entertained will perform. The event is free and open to the public, but space is limited. RSVPs are required by emailing info@surfriderSD.org.

For more information on the program, visit sandiego.surfrider.org/programs/ocean-friendly-gardens, or call San Diego County campaign coordinator Julia Chunn-Heer at (619) 246-8881 or Julia@surfridersd.org.

— Staff and contribution

Airport expands, relocates cell-phone waiting lot

In response to high demand, San Diego International Airport has relocated its cell-phone waiting lot to add 47 parking spaces. The move brings the total number of spaces to nearly 100.

The expanded cell-phone lot has been relocated east of the Commuter Terminal on Harbor Drive, and is now accessible through a traffic light at Rent-a-Car Access Road. Airport officials said drivers can park for free in the cell-phone lot for up to 60 minutes while they wait for the call that their loved ones have landed in San Diego.

The cell-phone lot has been a popular benefit for drivers accessing the airport, and the additional spaces will allow more people to access the lot, especially at peak times. The cell-phone lot is avail-

able for use 24 hours a day.

As the cell-phone waiting lot is relocated, SAN Park Harbor Drive will also be relocating its spaces north of its current location to allow for remediation of the existing parking lot. The interim parking opened for airport customers June 14.

The new parking lot will utilize the same entrance/exit at Harbor Drive and Rent-a-Car Access Road. Airport officials said travelers must adhere to the official walkways when walking to and from the interim parking lot to the terminals because the surrounding area is an active construction site. Posted signs will offer easy pedestrian access to the terminals.

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Crowds pack the grassy area near Abbott Street as the chili cook-off heats up.

Photos by Jim Grant | The Beacon

More snapshots from the Ocean Beach Street Fair



With the street fair's continued emphasis on family-friendly fun, Rosie Scandurra, **above right**, paints a dolphin on the face of Ella Kernkam, 11, at the Wonderland children's area.



Visitors, **right**, take part in the community murals project — one designed as the regular mural and the other celebrating the 125th anniversary of Ocean Beach this year.



Six stages featured 39 musical acts during the street fair, including Euphoria Brass Band, **above**, a New Orleans-inspired band that rocked audience members.

Be watching for more photo galleries from the Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival at www.sdnews.com.

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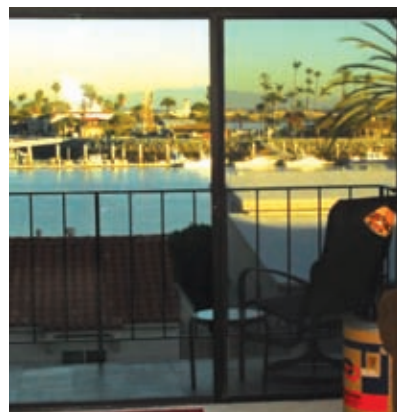
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Police ask help in solving missing man's fate

Michael Lane Hall was reported missing May 26 and police investigators are treating the case as a homicide, asking the public's help in determining the man's fate.

Hall, 19, was seen entering the U.S. through the San Ysidro Port of Entry on May 31 at 2:30 a.m. Police say he was believed to have visited or stayed in the Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach or La Jolla areas before his 2004 Ford F150 pickup truck was seen in the Colina Del Sol area about six hours after entering the border area.



MICHAEL HALL

Hall is described as white, roughly 6 feet tall, weighing between 160 and 180 pounds, with light-brown hair and blue eyes.

According to Det. Frank Hoermann of the Homicide Division, police believe Hall may have been the victim of a homicide.

Anyone with information connected to the case is urged to call SDPD at (619) 531-2000 or Det. Cat Millett at (619) 531-2277. San Diego Crime Stoppers is offering a reward up to \$1,000 for information leading to Hall's whereabouts. Visit sdcrimestoppers.com. — Bianca Koch

OB man admits killing ex-girlfriend's puppy

An Ocean Beach man pleaded guilty June 14 to felony animal abuse when he killed his girlfriend's puppy and to domestic violence for slapping her in a motor home parked at Dog Beach.

Aubry Eugene Glascock, 32, will be sentenced Aug. 1 by San Diego Superior Court Judge Eugenia Eyherabide. The judge said she would impose no more

than 16 months in prison if she decides to deny probation.

The incident took place April 27 at a motor home parked at the foot of Voltaire Street. Glascock slapped his girlfriend and then threw the 4-month-old puppy against the motorhome. The dog was dead at the scene when police arrived, said Deputy District Attorney Harrison Kennedy.

A restraining order against Glascock prohibits him from contacting his former girlfriend. Charges involving corporal injury to another person on April 15 were dropped.

Glascock is being held without bail. He has also been charged with damaging jail property in excess of \$950 in damages and will be sentenced July 24 in Chula Vista Superior Court on that case.

— Neal Putnam

Chamber moves ahead with outreach campaign

The board of directors of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has decided to move to Phase 2 in its "Forward, Together!" business betterment outreach campaign.

Chamber officials said the purpose of Phase 2 is to expand the conversation between businesses and how they can attract more business to Point Loma, work more effectively with City Hall in reducing red tape while keeping business taxes among the lowest in California, as well as building stronger ties between business.

The chamber has scheduled nine sessions where Point Loma Village/Shelter Island business owners will discuss these concepts for the area. Meetings will begin Tuesday, July 3. All sessions will be an hour long and will cover the same issues, so most business owners will find attending one or two sessions sufficient, according to chamber officials. Meetings are open to the entire community but only business issues will be discussed.

For more information, call (619) 223-1629, or visit peninsula-chamber.com.

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with the garden's aesthetics have been mounted on top of the benches.

Powell said renovations were complete without incurring any debt.

"We were able to double [contribu-

tions] during this country's greatest recession," he said.

Powell attributes the accomplishment to a grassroots effort and commitment of people who see the church as a benefit to the community.

Steve LaDow chaired the renovation. Hal Sadler was the master architect. Don Griffith led weekly meetings.

Bridget Cantu Wear oversaw a feasibility financial study. John Spafford chaired the capital campaign with the help of the Red Brick Circle and Jill Curtiss. David Ryan spearheaded major gifts. Loren Rindal prepared landscape plans with support from Kurt Walter and Jim Lester. Ware and Jean Federici chaired the gala.

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EROSION

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porated so-called low-impact design and best-management-practice concepts for permits to work on the cliffs, as part of their increasingly stringent five-year requirements.

"We agree with that to the extent it's possible," Jacob said.

The city plan would pipe the cliffs, he said, with a series of drains installed at the base of the bluffs, designed to intercept runoff from a so-called 50-year storm, or the amount of rainfall stemming from the most productive single storm of the last half-century.

"That's a lot of water," Jacob said. "No [current engineering tool] would be able to hold that much water such that these storm drainpipes were not necessary. But we cannot at this point ... put in all of the details about [specific anti-erosion measures] as we move forward," he said, noting that the permit requirements will likely change as work progresses.

The city has been aware of the cliffs' erosion since 1926, the year the area came under city jurisdiction. Focus on planning for the park began in 1973. In 1988, the San Diego Park and Recreation Board chartered the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council as the park's advisory group.

Broad-based community input that consistently supported the concept of natural, open land resulted in the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Master Plan, approved by the city in 2004 and by the California Coastal Commission the following year. The master plan mandated the current 426-page final draft plan. The draft was prepared by Dudek and Associates, an Encinitas engineering consultant.

Steve Jepsen, Dudek senior project manager, said the report contains specific methods of piping. Energy dissipators and pipeshafts measuring 10 feet by 10 feet would be installed, and the affected hillsides would be dyed and textured to blend with the natural surroundings.

Jepsen also said the report features information on perched groundwater, or groundwater that sits above the water-table limit, as a significant source

of erosion. But Ann Swanson, chair of the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council, said perched groundwater was never mentioned in prior studies.

"Why did that become so important?" she asked.

Every significant element throughout this process, Jepsen responded, was followed up by public meetings, preceded by workshop parleys. Participants expressed concern about perched groundwater at that time, he added, "leading to the original project manager increasing the scope of work on the problem of erosion. We need to do investigations to verify" the extent to which perched groundwater is a contributing factor.

Still, Swanson said, the report lacks specifics in a number of areas. The city, she said, solicited the park council's comments until Aug. 8 on items like increased ocean pollution from construction and details on a new park trail project — "and nobody heard back."

"I would like to remind you," Jacob said, "that we are in the final stages of this report. We are not going to be doing any major revisions regardless of how strongly you feel that we've screwed things up."

He added that he'll accept comments on the report until July 20, with modest editorial changes to be incorporated by the end of August.

The deadline is a little disconcerting for at least one official at the San Diego County chapter of Surfrider Foundation, dedicated to the preservation of the world's oceans and beaches.

"This was called a comprehensive drainage study at this time last year," said Julia Chunn-Heer, Surfrider campaign coordinator. "But now, the word 'comprehensive' is missing. We need implementation now. Every day and every year that we don't have measures [in place], the park gets worse."

"That's not a place that I want [for] the park where I grew up surfing ... We need to maintain our beautiful surroundings. It's taken us seven years to get here, and we need to move toward actual implementation," she said.

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

For more information, email PJacob@sandiego.gov.

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GUEST VIEW

Pointer Association gifts \$300,000 for PLHS fund augmentation

By KEVIN O'BEIRNE

In this time of crucial school funding shortages, the Pointer Association recently contributed an additional \$42,000 to Point Loma High School needs, raising the 2011-12 school year total to nearly \$300,000.

The Pointer Association is a nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to support Point Loma High School students, faculty and staff in an effort to fill the holes that exist due to the ongoing state, district and school budget crisis. Under our umbrella organization, about 20 athletic and arts booster clubs helped the Pointer Association contribute a total of almost \$300,000 to Point Loma High School during the 2011-12 school year!

The Pointer Association balances its

contributions between "3 As," (academics, arts and athletics). The \$42,000 total, for example, was allocated to nearly 20 different departments and programs, based upon submitted requests which were approved after review and open-meeting discussion.

These include a variety of academic departments throughout Point Loma High School, including direct financial support to science, English, history, world language, seminar and advanced placement programs. The funds will also support the visual arts, theater and instrumental music programs, as well as library needs and funds to support the nurse's emergency defibrillator. Finally, funds were provided to support the JROTC program, a gym locker room attendant, and the speech and debate club.

The Pointer Association could not have a positive impact on the educational experience of every student without the work of an extensive team of devoted volunteers. Their tireless efforts provide needed support annually, both in time and financial aspects. The organization is also grateful for the support it receives from the wide network of PLHS alumni and the community at large.

Pointer alumni can also register on our website to keep updated on school events and reunions, contact us to make donations or join our volunteer and booster groups.

I invite you to visit us at www.pointlomahigh.com under "Pointer Association."

— Kevin O'Beirne is president of the Point Loma High School Pointer Association.

TEACHERS

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In March, the SDEA released a list of layoffs based on information it received from the district.

The list shows Correia Middle School would be most impacted by pink slips, with 31 percent of its regular teaching staff receiving notices, followed by Barnard Elementary, 23 percent; and Point Loma High School, 21 percent.

Here's a breakdown of layoff notices in the cluster. Current size of teaching staffs at each school is approximate. The 2011-12 student enrollment numbers were provided by the district.

• **Correia Junior High School, grades 7-8:** Ten of a staff of 32 regular teachers

received layoff notices. Notices were also received by one school counselor, one school nurse and two special-education teachers. Enrollment: 839.

• **Barnard Elementary School, K-6 magnet:** Three in a staff of 13 regular teachers received pink slips. Enrollment: 267.

• **Point Loma High School, 9-12:** 16 teachers in a staff of 76 regular teachers received pink slips. Three school counselors, one school nurse, one school psychologist, one general-subject teacher and one special education teacher also received notices. Enrollment: 1,194.

• **Ocean Beach Elementary School, K-4:** Eight of a staff of 18 regular teachers received layoff notices. Enrollment: 435.

• **Dana Middle School, 5-6:** Six of a staff of 36 regular teachers received layoff notices, as well as a school librarian

and a school nurse. Enrollment: 776.

• **Loma Portal Elementary School, K-4:** Three of a staff of 21 regular teachers received layoff notices. Enrollment: 426.

• **Silver Gate Elementary School, K-4:** Four in a staff of 17 regular teachers received layoff notices. Enrollment: 541.

• **Sunset View Elementary School, K-4:** Three in a staff of 25 regular teachers received pink slips; one special education resource specialist. Enrollment: 430.

• **Cabrillo Elementary School, K-4:** One in a staff of nine regular teachers received a notice. Enrollment: 202.

• **Dewey Elementary School, K-4:** Two in a staff of 20 regular teachers and two child development teachers at the Children's Center received notices. Enrollment: 428.

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To reach these lofty goals, the Board is also investigating the possibility of forming a business improvement district (BID). No decision has been made, and by joining the discussion now you will help guide our decision.

Sessions are identical in format and are an hour long. Please choose one that fits your busy schedule and bring a business neighbor.

We want to hear from you — join the conversation.

All the best,

Matt Kalls
President, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

p.s. There's still time to take our 3-minute business survey. Just go to www.peninsulachamber.com and click on the "Forward Together" button.

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POINT LOMA HIGH SCHOOL: 87TH COMMENCEMENT, JUNE 12



Coming full circle ... and a new beginning

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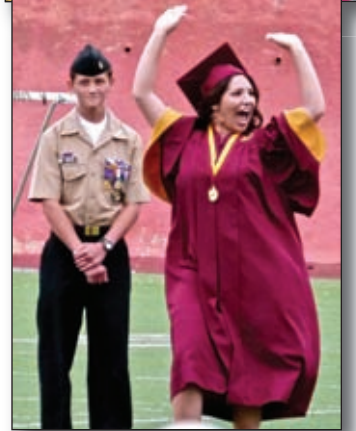
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On this day, the world was a perfect place as smiles radiated from every graduate's youthful face. And once again, many parents wiped away tears.

— Photo Essay by Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

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PROPERTY

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In a separate vote, trustees unanimously approved moving the Mandarin-language program out of Barnard and the Point Loma Cluster to Bayview Terrace Elementary School in the Mission Bay Cluster. To accommodate the move, Bayview Terrace Elementary School will be closed and those students will be absorbed into other elementary schools in Mission Bay. The change will take effect beginning in the 2013-14 school year.

During a rare Friday night school board meeting held June 22, Barnett decried the decision by colleagues as short-sighted.

The Mission Beach Center is located in South Mission Beach at 818 and 825 Santa Barbara Place between the bay and ocean. The district is projecting a minimum bid of \$11 million for the land. The Barnard site is expected to

raise a minimum of \$9 million.

"We're about to sell one of the best pieces of real estate this district has and it's like selling your grandma's jewelry to pay the rent," Barnett said.

Pointing to a map of the land in Mission Beach, Barnett said, "This piece of real estate — that's the Pacific Ocean, that's the bay. It's one the best pieces of real estate in the world and we are going to sell it in the worst real estate market since the Great Depression for one-time revenues. Once we sell it, it's gone."

"It's absolutely absurd and probably this will go down as one of the most boneheaded things this school board has ever done."

Other district real estate to be sold are Camp Elliot in Tierrasanta for \$2.7 million; Bay Terrace 11, a parcel of land in south San Diego worth \$3 million; and three residential lots in Linda Vista with a total price tag of \$900,000. The total net sale price of all properties represents about 18 percent of the district's projected \$120 million deficit.

A line of questioning from Trustee Kevin Beiser revealed uncertainty among San Diego Unified staff about a district subcommittee's report that did not advocate sales of all properties.

Staff also said they did not engage communities in discussion about the sales at the cluster level or with local planning groups. Phil Stover, deputy director of business development, said it was up to neighborhood planning groups to work with buyers once sales were finalized. Beiser suggested leasing properties to generate long-term revenue before anything is sold. Each property sale/lease will still need another vote by the board.

In public comment, Cynthia Conger, a Point Loma Realtor, told the board that the selling price of the Barnard and Mission Beach real estate is "peanuts for any developer."

"You need to look at a very careful evaluation from more experienced people in this field that are not connected to developers," she said.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Applauds student show of support for teachers

I am very impressed with the Jan. 6 demonstration by Point Loma High School students in favor of their pink-slipped teachers and staffers ("Student rallies peers in support of pink-slipped PLHS teachers, staffers," June 14 *Beacon*, Page 1). What a beautiful gesture! What a beautiful student body! I predict that student leader Victoria Gonzalez will go far.

As for the gophers ("City still eyeing options to rid pesky gophers," June 14 *Beacon*, Page 4), my understanding from my years on the Ocean Beach Planning Board during the disappearance of the

small burrowing owls at Robb Field and Dusty Rhodes Park is that city poisoning killed off the owls. Obviously, poison wasn't the answer but was a crime. Bring back the burrowing owls! I like the idea of using barn owls, too.

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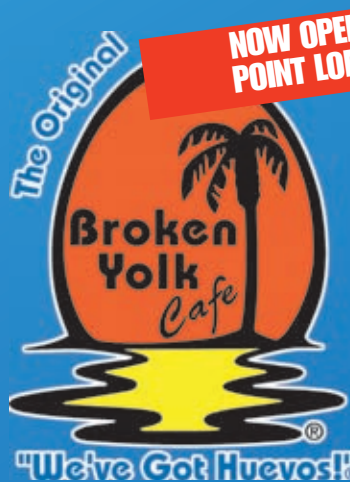
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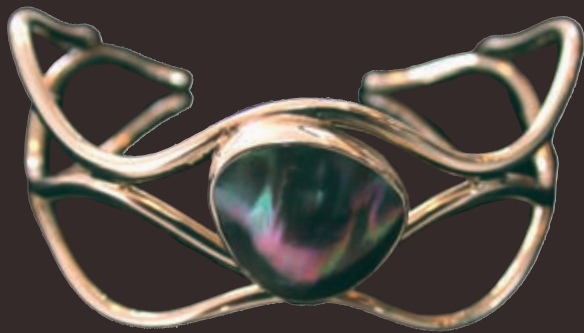
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District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer (second from left) tests samples with other judges during Saturday's Ocean Beach Chili Cook-Off Festival. Photo by Jim Grant | The Beacon

Chili gurus rewarded with top votes at cook-off

The Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA), organizers of last week-end's 33rd annual Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival, still had plenty of warm fuzzies once the voting had been tallied for the gastronomic contest at the foot of Abbott Street.

The OBMA released the list of winners for this year's cookoff, rewarding the hottest and most creative of entrants in the popular competition.

- AMATEUR DIVISION**
- Judges Award, first place: Tiny's (\$200)
 - Judges Award, second place: OBeeyah Chili (\$150)
 - Peoples Choice, first place: Tiny's (\$250)
 - Peoples Choice, second place: The Dude's Steakwagon Chili (\$150)
 - Peoples Choice, third Place: Just the Tip (\$100)

- NON-CASH WINNERS**
- Best Booth & Costume Decorations: Red Hot Chili Peckers
 - Best Entry depicting OB: Dragon de Fuego
 - Hottest Chili: Dragon de Fuego
 - Judges Special Award (most spirited): OBeeyah Chili

- BLOODY MARYS**
- The OBMA also revealed the winners of the street festival's Bloody Mary Contest:
- First place: Tilted Stick Bar and Grill
 - Second place: South Beach Bar and Grille
 - Third place: The Harp



Tickets are still available for the special raffle of the Reality Check custom surfboard bearing logos of the 33rd annual Ocean Beach Street Fair and the OB 125th anniversary logos. Courtesy photo by Joe Ewing

SPECIAL RAFFLE CONTINUES

OBMA officials said they were pleased by the turnout for this year's OB Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival and added there are still special raffle tickets available for the custom Reality Check surfboard donated by Rob Ard, South Coast Surf Shop and Claudia Jack to raise money for the 2012 Ocean Beach community fireworks fund.

The custom board bears the OB Street Fair and OB 125th anniversary logos on it. Tickets are available for \$20 until they sell out or until Monday, July 2 at noon. For tickets and more information, visit www.oceanbeachsandiego.com.

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The ever-popular Rockola is set to headline at Humphreys Backstage Lounge on June 29 and July 11.

Courtesy photo

Ever-popular Rockola ready to rock Humphreys in duo gigs

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

There are plenty of great cover bands in San Diego, but none approach the sound with such meticulous care as Rockola. Though known as one of the top combos of the annual summer festival circuit, the band is also one of the top draws on Southland stages. Few bands could headline a venue twice within two weeks, as Rockola does on June 29 and July 11 at Humphreys Backstage Lounge.

Led by guitarist and singer Bob Tedde, Rockola includes guitarist Mark DeCerbo, bassist Doug Booth and a rotating cast of drummers. The secret to the band's success is its adaptability. Though its forte is 1960s and '70s classic rock, the sheer breadth of what the band can cover is astounding. Whether it's a set of note-perfect Beatles covers, dance-oriented material like "Mony Mony" or more ethereal tunes like David Bowie's "Space Oddity," the quartet delivers a fun show that's perfect for singing along or hitting the dance floor.

Tedde said the band rarely plans its

music out ahead.

"We almost never work from a set list, so in a way, we adapt every set we play to each individual show we do," he said.

Tedde said he considers outdoor shows to be more "bombastic" than club dates.

"The fun for us is that the external factors like weather, audience attitude, audience flow, etc., will more or less dictate which material gets called. We don't have to adhere to any hard-and-fast agenda," Tedde said. "So we can get as caught up in the magic as much as everyone else."

He lists songs like "Twist and Shout" as perennial crowd pleasers.

"They are great songs that people are happy to hear and sing along to," Tedde said. "That one has some nice audience participation in the buildup before the chorus. There is a reason why songs like that have stood the test of time. They're fun, easy to dance to and have song hooks aplenty."

DeCerbo agrees, but has his own reasons for citing Humphreys as one of his favorite places to play.

"It has so much going for it," DeCerbo

said. "Fair enough, there is good parking, but the sound system is also great and it's hard to beat the view or location. Add in the wonderful food and it's a perfect spot to take a date."

While all that would be enough to make a night at the Backstage Lounge special, DeCerbo said the venue's proximity to the larger concert stage across the courtyard has also been a major perk over the years.

"There is so much I like about the Backstage Lounge," DeCerbo said. "In the decades we've played at this nightspot, we've built up a really good rapport with everyone who works there. But what I love the most is that every once in awhile, some of the headliners on the main stage make their way over to where we're playing and join in."

Among those who have joined Rockola onstage are Jack Bruce (Cream) and Alan Parsons, with DeCerbo singling out Creedence Clearwater Revival's rhythm section of Stu Cook and Doug Clifford as the biggest thrill to date.

Time to strike up the Band at the Beach

By DJANI SCHAFER | THE BEACON

The volume of a high school marching band could stand as a metaphor for the amount of fun students have each year at the Band at the Beach (BATB) Music Camp. The camp will kick off its 24th year in August, and with that comes even more drums and fun.

Although the camp runs from Aug. 6-10, registration is now open. The cost is \$195.

BATB started in the Point Loma area back in 1988, and has continued to grow ever since. Each year, the music camp is held the first week of August. And each year, it ends with a bang in the form of a free concert showcasing each young musician's talent.

The purpose of the camp is to not only advocate quality music in Peninsula schools, but also to provide a fun environment for kids to learn more about the music that drives their passion, according to organizers. Young musicians from more than 27 schools around San Diego County now participate in the program and are all in good company.

"I try to keep up with the kids who come and go here," said Dell Schroeder, one of the co-founders of Peninsula Bands in Concert, "because I'm very

interested in what they become."

Alumni of the program include USC and Pepperdine graduates, medical school graduates, a man who taught English as a second language in Korea, and even someone who will be sailing in this year's Olympics.

"One year, about six of the BATB alumni came to camp and played a concert with us," said Schroeder. "That really was a joyful time."

The lessons learned at the weeklong camp clearly go beyond the realm of music. Alumni and current students praise the faculty's knowledge and helpfulness.

In fact, the BATB faculty comes from esteemed schools across the country, like San Diego State University, Florida State University, Juilliard, Syracuse, Columbia, Northern Arizona and Point Loma Nazarene University.

BATB is a nonprofit organization that depends entirely on tuitions and donations to orchestrate its mission of keeping quality music in schools. BATB also offers extracurricular instruction and coaching assistance to local schools, as well as the annual August summer camp.

For more information, to register your student, or make a donation to the program visit www.bandatthebeach.org.

Shelter Island's I Love Poke Festival winners lauded

Organizers of the third annual I Love Poke Festival bestowed honors on six restaurants and chefs on May 30 at the Bali Hai Restaurant.

This year's poke competition included two categories: traditional (use of tuna required) and "any kine" (chef's freedom to experiment).

Traditional

1st: Primo Beer (chef James Harris)

2nd: Hapa J's Kitchen Bar Lounge

(chef Justin Shea)

3rd: Peohe's (chef David Bland)

Any Kine

1st: Gaijin Noodle + Sake House (chef Antonio Friscia)

2nd: Hapa J's Kitchen Bar Lounge (chef Justin Shea)

3rd: Peohe's (chef David Bland)

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Vanguard theater group to launch production of 'Oklahoma!'

Vanguard Theatre at Westminster Presbyterian Church is preparing to launch a run of Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical "Oklahoma!" from July 13 through July 29.

Husband-and-wife team Jerry and Pamela Monroe will bring Broadway's original smash-hit about the life of country folk to the Point Loma venue.

"I've always wanted to direct 'Oklahoma!'" said director Jerry Monroe, "and knowing that Pam would take excellent care of the musical side of

everything means I can concentrate on telling this magical story and bringing the characters to life with my talented cast."

"Oklahoma!" is based on the 1930s play "Green Grow the Lilacs," and was the first collaboration for musical theater by American music giants Rodgers and Hammerstein, running for an unprecedented 2,212 performances when it premiered in 1943.

Featuring such musical favorites as "Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'," "The

Surrey with the Fringe on Top" and the title song, "Oklahoma!," the show tells the story of rural folk, the high-spirited rivalry between cowhands and farmers, and finding love and community on this journey of the territory toward progress, statehood and patriotism.

The production opens Friday, July 13 at

8 p.m., followed by dates on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through July 19. One performance is slated for Thursday, July 26 at 8 p.m. All Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m.; Sunday performances begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors (60 and over), military and stu-

dents, and \$10 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased by calling (619) 224-6263 or visiting Vanguard Theatre online at www.vanguardsd.org.

The production takes place at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3598 Talbot St.

—Staff and contribution



Rob Hoadley and April McBride star in Vanguard's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!"
Courtesy photo

Looking ahead

Peninsula area events, June 29 to July 28

FRIDAY, June 29 and SATURDAY, June 30
College Art Design, in partnership with the San Diego Foundation and the city Commission for Arts and Culture, will host a National Professional-Development Workshop for Artists. The event will teach participants how to market themselves in art and how to brand themselves. The June 29 session runs from 5 to 7 p.m. and the June 30 session runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the San Diego Foundation, 2508 Historic Decatur Road, Suite 200 at Liberty Station. The keynote speaker for the June 29 "Brand You" session will be David Lecours, owner and creative director of Lecours Design. His presentation takes place at 5:45 p.m. Registration fees are \$15 for the keynote address; \$25 for the Saturday session only; or \$35 for both. For more information or to register, call Susan Schear at (973) 482-1000, visit www.collegeart.org/registerandsandiego2012, or email susan.shear@artisin.com.

SATURDAY, June 30

The Friends of the Ocean Beach Branch Library will hold a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave. Pick up some great

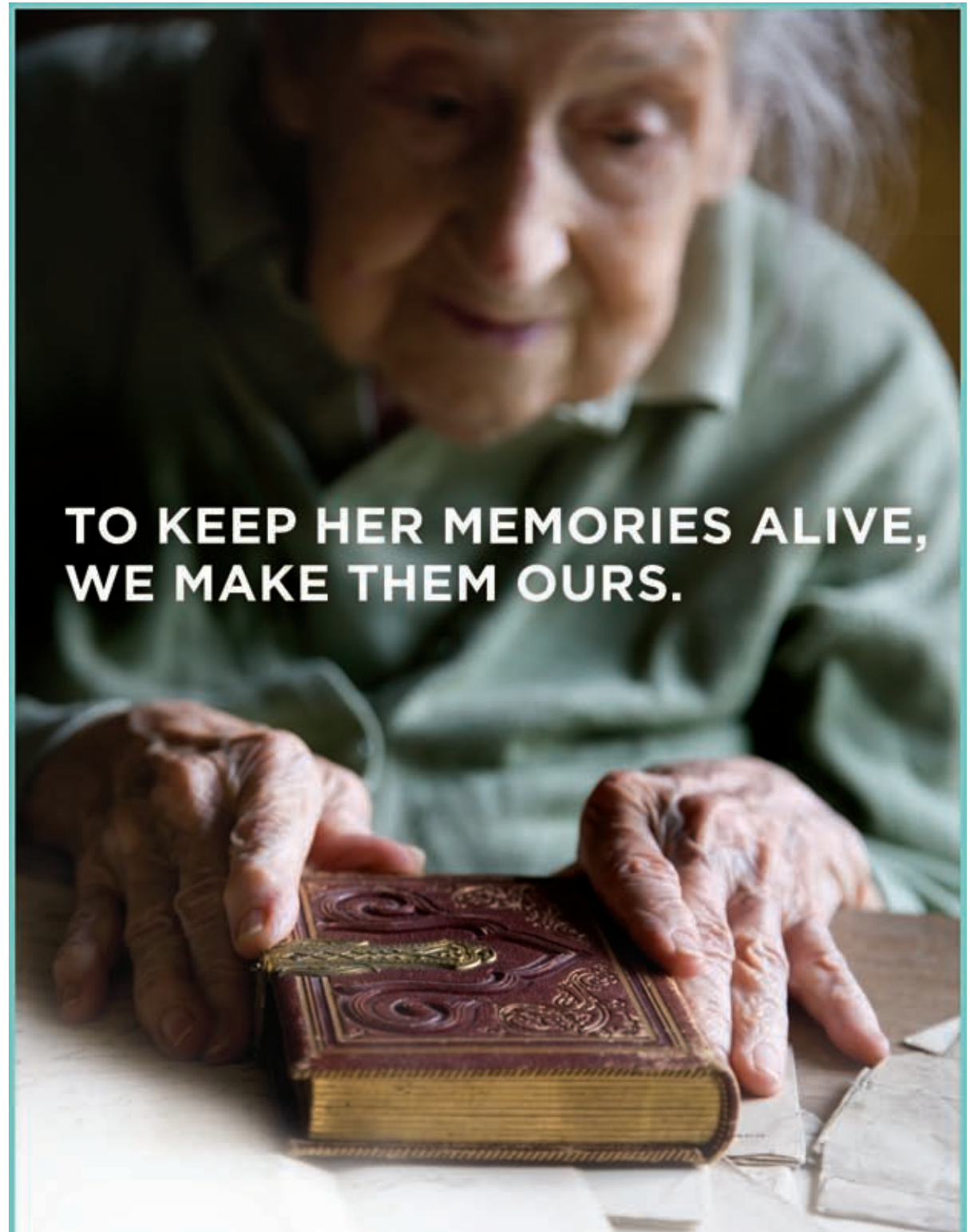
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THURSDAY, July 5

The Point Loma United Methodist Church will host a free class, "Whole Grain Gluten-Free Cooking," from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. The class will address how to easily prepare and replace the gluten in diets with whole grains that provide a wealth of nutrients. The church is located at 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. To register, call (619) 788-4838, or email info@dharayoga.com.

SATURDAY, July 28

The nonprofit group Labrador Harbor will host its second annual "Hounds for Hope Walk," a canine cancer awareness and wellness festival from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dusty Rhodes Park in Ocean Beach. The event will feature vendor booths with healthy pet products, along with doggie games in the Howlin' Hounds FurZone and raffle prizes. All proceeds will benefit Labrador Harbor, which has helped more than 300 dogs with more than \$68,000 in grants for surgeries and medical treatments. Pre-register at www.houndsforhopewalk.org. For more information about the organization, visit www.labrador-harbor.org.



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HTH student chosen for
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Kathleen Silverstein, an 11th-grader at High Tech High School in Point Loma was among 10 students accepted to the eighth season of the San Diego Asian Film Foundation's (SDAFF) high school

filmmaking internship program, called REEL VOICES. The program is an intense 12-week boot camp for socially conscious digital storytellers. REEL VOICES will teach students all stages of production and post-production, and by the end of the



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program, each student will have produced his/her own documentary that premieres at the 13th annual San Diego Asian Film Festival in November. Silverstein, 16, will have access to professional digital filmmaking equipment and gain valuable career skills, and will be paired with professional filmmakers in a mentor program. Students also earn a \$500 scholarship upon completion of their films. For more information, visit www.SDAFF.org, or call 619-400-5606.



"Spring of Tears" author Cornelia Feye of Ocean Beach, center, said she was thrilled to accept the 2012 San Diego Book Award for best mystery novel. Courtesy photo

OB author wins SD Book
Award for mystery novel

Art historian and anthropologist Cornelia Feye enjoys writing murder mysteries in her spare time. Her writing was a hobby that only her close family and friends knew of — until now. Her recently self-published novel, "Spring of Tears," an art mystery set in France, was awarded the first place prize in the mystery category at the 18th annual San Diego Book Awards on June 9. "Spring of Tears" is Feye's first published novel.

Feye is an art historian and anthropologist trained at the University of Tübingen, Germany. After moving to California via New York City, she taught Eastern and Western art history at several colleges in San Diego, and is currently the School of the Arts and Arts Education Director at the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library in La Jolla. In the 1970s she traveled around the Middle East, Asia, and South America for seven years. Her adventures on the road have found their way into her writing. "I was inspired by the many masterpieces that are still missing since World War II and imagined what could have happened to some of them" Feye said. Feye said she is hoping her upcoming mystery novel, "House of the Fox," set in Anza Borrego Springs, will become the next best-seller. "Spring of Tears" is available at The Athenaeum Music & Arts Library in La Jolla and at Warwick's. Visit Feye's blog at www.corneliafeye.wordpress.com.

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