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The two-day Oktoberfest celebration will combine beach, music, food and camaraderie all one giant fall festival Oct. 12-13. Courtesy photo by Joe Ewing

Two-day Oktoberfest set to take OB, visitors by storm



Visitors will have plenty of activities to keep themselves occupied during the Ocean Beach Oktoberfest, including the popular bratwurst-eating competition. Courtesy photo by Joe Ewing

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

Though the streets of Ocean Beach are thousands of miles from Germany, OB is the site of one of the most popular Oktoberfest celebrations on the West Coast. Taking place this year on Oct. 12 and 13, the event is now in its eighth year and is expected to draw more than 6,000 people to the intersection of Newport Avenue and Abbott Street at the foot of the Ocean Beach Pier.

Featuring music, crafts and food, Ocean Beach's Oktober-

fest is one of the biggest bargains of the year. There is a \$3 cost to enter the beer-garden area, but other than that, the outdoor events are free. Oktoberfest is a joint venture between Hoy Hoy Boys, the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association and the Ocean Beach Community Foundation.

Funds raised go to help fund local nonprofit organizations. Since its inception in 2004, Oktoberfest has raised more than \$150,000 for such groups.

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Police work to ease OB residents' worries over sex-related assaults

Investigators assure women cases are high priority

By TONY De GARATE | THE BEACON

Three recent series of sex-related crimes have Ocean Beach residents concerned and looking to San Diego police for reassurance.

More than 50 citizens — roughly two-thirds of them women — showed up Sept. 26 at the Point Loma Masonic Lodge for the monthly public meeting of the Ocean Beach Town Council's board of directors to find out what police are doing to catch the criminals responsible.

Three police representatives — community relations officer David Surwilo, service-area Lt. Natalie Stone and Det. Tom Jacques — were on hand to update the public and talk about ways to prevent crime and explain how the public can help catch the perpetrators.

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UNDER INVESTIGATION

A review of the investigations discussed by police on Sept. 26 at the Ocean Beach Town Council meeting:

- Jogger groped, Aug. 15, San Diego River bike path

According to Crime Stoppers, a female was jogging on the south side of the San Diego river bike path between Sports Arena and Sunset Cliffs boulevards. A man on a bike reached down and touched the victim's buttocks and he passed, hid from sight and came up from behind and groped the jogger a second time before fleeing toward Sunset Cliffs Boulevard.

Suspect description: White male, approximately 25 years old, 5-feet 10-inches tall, 160 lbs., with about four days of beard growth, freckles over the entire face and a gap between the front teeth. The suspect was riding a black road bike. A composite sketch has

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PLHS alum pens timely book glimpsing inside lives of NFL refs

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

It's the hottest story in professional sports right now.

The National Football League thought it could play the 2012 season using replacement referees while it negotiated a new contract with its regular staff of game officials.

A local attorney and Point Loma High School alum (class of 1969) who has written the definitive book on NFL referees after more than two years of research, knew the NFL's plan was a disaster waiting to happen.

"You can't just replace 1,300-plus years of [combined] experience with 119 rookies," Richard Lister said, referring to the recently resolved situation.

His book, "The Third Team: NFL Officials — Their Lives, Their Stories" is a rare and up-close look at the men in stripes at NFL games.

Lister traveled the U.S. to conduct in-depth interviews with current and former

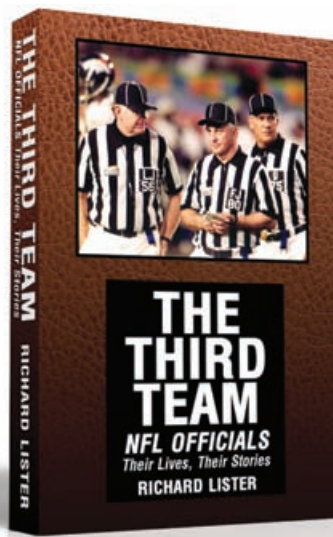
"I love this book because it humanizes [our] profession. [Author Richard] Lister shows the sacrifice, dedication and sense of humor that make NFL officials the greatest in the sport. [He] has shed light on a world that will undoubtedly educate and inspire his readers"

BILL CAROLLO
Former NFL referee

NFL "zebras," and takes readers inside their minds, onto the field and shares the sometimes intense, often humorous sideline happenings and discussions that, until now, have likely never been heard by viewers and fans.

Among his findings, Lister describes men who are intensely driven to be 100 percent correct on every call they make, why the modern NFL is so difficult to officiate, how

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A new book titled "The Third Team: NFL Officials — Their Lives, Their Stories" was written by Richard Lister, a local attorney and 1969 graduate of Point Loma High. Courtesy



The wildly popular Ocean Beach Geriatric Surf Club and Precision Marching Surfboard Drill Team and Gidget Patrol — after entertaining crowds and parade-goers all over the west since 1984 — is calling it quits. Photo by Mike McCarthy | The Beacon

OB's colorful, entertaining Geriatric Surf Club hangs it up after 28 years

By MIKE MCCARTHY | THE BEACON

The evening began with members sharing dinner and toasting to their past feats.

After 28 years of entertaining enthusiastic crowds, the Ocean Beach Geriatric Surf Club and Precision Marching Surfboard Drill Team and Gidget Patrol has decided to retire.

A "non-wake" gathering was held on Sept. 15 to celebrate the official retirement of the popular surf club. Geriatric surfers and Gidgets, many traveling from around the country, returned to Ocean Beach for one more evening of crazy fun.

A video tribute followed highlighting their crazy antics and performances over the years. The retirement party ended with club members dancing the night away to the sounds of the North Park Rock 'n' Blues and Players Band.

The Ocean Beach Geriatric Surf Club spent almost three decades entertaining crowds with countless

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The Lane family of Loma Portal takes *The Beacon* along on a trip to Limerick, Ireland, where they shared a moment outside St. John's Castle. The family's two-week trip took them all over southern and northern Ireland. Shown are, from left, Tim Lane, Kaleigh Lane (12), and Kelly Lane. "Love *The Beacon*!" said Kelly.



Gary McAnally, Dave Hummel, Mike Akey and Jacquie Hummel take their *Beacon* on vacation to the ancient 15th-century Inca site of Machu Picchu in Peru. "Missing OB," said Akey.

Looking ahead

Peninsula-area events, Oct. 9 through Oct. 20

TUESDAY, Oct. 9

Point Loma United Methodist Church hosts a free session of "Introduction to Chair Yoga" to help participants experience how the exercise can offer flexibility and inner harmony for special conditions.

The class takes place the church, located at 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Registration is required by calling (619) 788-4838, or emailing info@dharayoga.com.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 10

The Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library hosts a free meet-the-author program featuring Zohreh Ghahremani, who penned "Sky of Red Poppies." The presentation, presented by the Friends of the Library, takes place at 6:30 p.m. at the library, located at 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, contact head librarian Christine Gonzalez at (619) 531-1539.

SATURDAY, Oct. 13

The Studebaker Drivers Club San Diego chapter hosts the "Cool Classic Car Show 4" from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Spanish Landing west of Harbor Drive. The event will feature more than 50 classic Studebaker cars and trucks, food, people and kids' choice judging, swap meet, 50/50 cash drawing and raffle prizes. For more information, visit www.studebakersandiego.com.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 17

The Point Loma Peninsula Republican Women's monthly meeting will feature two speakers: 52nd Congressional District candidate Brian Bilbray

and state Senate candidate George Plescia. The program is open to visitors and begins at 10 a.m. at the Point Loma Café, 4865 Harbor Drive. A no-host lunch follows. For more information, call Marilyn at (619) 222-9532.

THURSDAY, Oct. 18

The Ocean Beach Historical Society presents a free presentation, "Local Birds & Life in O.B.," by Ocean Beach photographer Steve Rowell. The presentation takes place at 7 p.m. at the Point Loma United Methodist Church, located at 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. Rowell programs are a visual treat with great insight into both the local two- and four-legged residents. For more information visit obhistory.wordpress.com.

FRIDAY, Oct. 19

Silver Gate Elementary School will host its annual communitywide Harvest Festival from 5 to 8 p.m. The event includes games, food, Halloween costume contest, laser tag, haunted pathway, cake walk, games for the kiddies, pumpkin patch, face painting and other activities. Tickets for games and activities are on sale for \$1 each at the door. The school is located at 1499 Venice St. For more information, visit www.sandi.net/silvergate, or email smattos28@hotmail.com.



SATURDAY, Oct. 20

Friends of the Ocean Beach Library will host their second book sale of the year from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, call (619) 531-1532.

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Grassroots workshops to help stem bluffs erosion

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN | THE BEACON

The Peninsula area faces an almost legendary problem with the erosion of the bluffs at Sunset Cliffs Natural Park, a 68-acre site extending 1½ miles along the Point Loma's western shoreline. And as the city mulls a plan designed to solve the problem once and for all, the San Diego chapter of Surfrider is banking on a remedy it asserts can quietly help curb potential disaster.

It's called Ocean Friendly Gardens, launched by the national Surfrider office three years ago to prevent urban runoff and restore natural watersheds. Beginning Monday, Oct. 8, local residents will be instructed in ways to modify their landscaping to absorb more rainwater and re-channel runoff pollutants. The three-part program, funded in part through a state grant, is one of several throughout the country. San Diego Surfrider held a similar event last year in Oceanside.

Julia Chunn-Heer, the local Surfrider campaign coordinator, stresses that everyone is a potential source of both the problem and the solution at Sunset Cliffs.

"We want to get people to look at their house as a city watershed and address the problem in that fashion, not just compartmentalize it," said Chunn-Heer.

"You don't want to do just water conservation. The steps in Ocean Friendly Gardens help with water conservation and address runoff and the bluff erosion. It's all connected.

"Ocean Friendly Gardens is a big program," she said. "We want everybody in the county to do it, whether you live in Escondido, La Mesa or La Jolla. But [regarding] Sunset Cliffs, it's especially relevant. Not only does it help reduce water-quality problems and urban runoff, it can help stop the erosion at the park. Those types of principles on a larger scale are exactly what we're ... talking about, teaching people to slow, spread and sink the water."



JULIA CHUNN-HEER

Last fall, Yahoo!'s news blog Wanderlust cited the bluffs at Sunset Cliffs Natural Park as among the country's five most-rapidly disappearing natural landscapes, alongside Florida's Everglades National Park. Decades of runoff from residences and streets, coupled with soil depletion from constant foot traffic, push portions of the cliffs oceanward, causing them to break from their foundations. Less obvious, but just as detrimental, are the waters within the bluffs, which exert

natural forces on formations made impermeable over the centuries.

Last month, the city's Park and Recreation Department issued the final version of its drainage study on the bluffs. The study, prepared by Dudek, an Encinitas-based civil engineering and

environmental consultant firm, calls for piping the cliffs, with a series of drains installed at the base of the bluffs, designed to intercept runoff from a so-called 50-year storm — that is, the amount of rainfall stemming from the most productive single storm of the last

half-century.

The plan would cost about \$10 million, with most of that to go toward construction. The city has been aware of the cliffs' erosion since 1926, the year the

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The San Diego chapter of Surfrider is launching a series of workshops as part of its Ocean Friendly Gardens program, designed to educate Sunset Cliffs-area residents about appropriate landscaping, building healthy soils, and rainwater capture and irrigation to help stave off the deep erosion of the cliffs.

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Town Council appears to take restroom mural hubbub in stride

By **TONY De GARATE** | THE BEACON

What would you think if you knew the ceiling of the new beach restrooms at the foot of Brighton Avenue contained phrases like “blatant killing of a known homeless man,” “anger expressed on Newport Avenue will translate to violence,” and “Don’t Feed the Bums”?

At a discussion Sept. 26 hosted by the Ocean Beach Town Council’s board of directors, at least, some raised their eyebrows while others shrugged their shoulders — but none of the members seemed fired up to change anything.

The Town Council scheduled the discussion after receiving a file of research from local resident Jeff Russell, who was dismayed by what he described as the inappropriate and overly negative nature of the text appearing in the restrooms. The restrooms opened July 2 — about

three years after the city tore down the previous building because of safety concerns.

Russell said residents were led to believe the mural would portray an overall review of history in Ocean Beach, which is commemorating its 125th anniversary this year. Instead, the entirety of the lower-case text on the mural excerpts seven articles — all published in the last four years from the *OB Rag*, the local online newspaper, Russell said.

Topics of these articles include a 10-year anniversary of the protest over a local Starbucks, a poll among OB Rag readers about the Afghan war and the use of deadly force during a confrontation with a homeless man. Some of the snippets of text, Russell said, even referred to the selection process of the artist himself — Shinpei Takeda, co-founder and creative director of The AjA

ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE

Shinpei Takeda, the former Ocean Beach resident and artist who painted the murals at the center of the Brighton Avenue bathroom hubbub provides insight into his thoughts, feelings and motivations. Page 6

Project, based in San Diego.

“None of the history of the first 115 years of Ocean Beach is even mentioned,” Russell said. “These are things nobody’s aware of. I’m trying to bring it to everyone’s attention and see if there’s anything we want to do about it.”

Board member Dave Martin said he appreciated Russell’s research, but said the community had worked too long and hard over the last three years getting the restrooms built to be fazed by the artwork.

“The points you bring up about the negativity, you’ve got some good points there,” Martin said. “I think what I’m hearing is, ‘Damn, we should have seen it (the phrases), but it’s really a nice-look-

ing bathroom.’ ”

Some residents who spoke said they couldn’t make out the text, much of which overlaps or appears in circles to emulate the ripples formed by dropping a pebble in waters. Some defended the phrases; still others said they never noticed.

“The fact that he took quotes from the Rag and they’re not all positive, I have no problem with that,” said resident Kristofer Newsom. “The nature of art is not always positive. When you look at art, you can’t expect it to be a rosy picture.”

Mercy Baron, a resident and freelance writer, said she interviewed two dozen or so people on their way out of the Brighton Street restrooms.

“My first question was, ‘Did you look up at the ceiling?’ ...One hundred percent said, ‘No,’” she said. “All they could say was how beautiful the restrooms are. I just don’t think it’s a concern.”

Denny Knox, executive director of the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association, said another mural-creating opportuni-

ty could arise when the restrooms at the lifeguard tower on Abbot Street are eventually replaced, and the artist could be given more explicit instructions about reflecting community history.

“Maybe that’s the remedy,” Knox said.

In other matters

• Three new board members were seated for their first meeting following recent elections: Steve Grosch, Dave Cieslak and Heather Richards.

• County Supervisor Ron Roberts will address the board at next month’s regular meeting on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Point Loma Masonic Lodge, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., according to new Roberts aide Sterling McHale. A 2009 graduate of Point Loma Nazarene University, McHale grew up in Valley Center and now resides in Loma Portal.

• As the 2012 fiscal year ended Sept. 30, the Town Council treasury contained a total of nearly \$8,000 among its four different accounts, said OBTC treasurer Melinda Therkelsen.

Drive begins to fund certified athletic trainer for PLHS

By **SCOTT HOPKINS** | THE BEACON

For the 800-plus student-athletes at Point Loma High School who train and compete in 20 boys’ and girls’ sports throughout the year, the completion of a modern training room in the school’s new trackside classroom building should mean relief from muscle pulls, sprains and more serious problems.

But the new facility is not staffed by a certified athletic trainer, so athletes find themselves vulnerable to injury or unable to receive immediate professional treatment afterward. The PLHS Pointer Association’s “Protect Our Pointers” program has joined with school athletic director

John Murphy and Pointer Association Booster director Eleanor Snyder to begin a fund-raising drive with the goal of staffing the Prop. S-funded center.

Initial plans call for a certified athletic trainer for a minimum of three hours each day to cover team practices. Eventually, the group foresees an ATC on site for 3 to 5 hours daily, who is available for every practice and game or match on campus.

But such services don’t come cheaply.

Per year, the cost for an ATC, equipment and supplies for a school year is \$20,000, the “Protect Our Pointers” leaders have already begun collecting donations. A \$7,000 total would cover fall

sports currently under way.

The “\$100 Club” has been created to help reach these totals, although contributions of any size are welcomed.

Donations can be sent in several ways:

• By credit card: visit www.pointloma-high.com, click on the Pointer Association page. Designate “Protect Our Pointers.”

• By check: make payable to “PLHS-PA POP” and sent to the school at 2335 Chatsworth Blvd., San Diego, 92106.

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Carlos Olmeda to unlock jam at Java Joe's

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

San Diego is home to many fine singer-songwriters, but few exude the warmth of Carlos Olmeda. Blessed with a deep, rich voice, Olmeda is a gifted musician and singer with more than five albums' worth of great tunes.

The recordings are all a great listen, but he's even better live, where his wit and whim result in performances that are never less than great fun and often revelatory.

Equal parts folk and pop, Olmeda's in-concert performances have been rare in recent months as he preps new tunes, making his appearance at Java Joe's on Oct. 12 a "must" for longtime fans or anyone who enjoys acoustic music.

Olmeda grew up in the Thunder Hills neighborhood of Oceanside, but his first public appearance was on a public-access television show filmed in Spring Valley. Olmeda is now a seasoned and confident veteran of the stage, the latter a trait that goes back to his first set.

"I was sure that I was a star," said Olmeda, laughing. "I even gave up my A&W burger-flipping job because the little old couple [who owned the place] refused to give me the day off to tape the show."

While today Olmeda is known for his eloquent fretwork, he said he was initially drawn to music by the rhythms. It was his mother who steered him toward guitar.

"My mother chose the guitar because I was always drumming on something, and she said, 'I'll be damned if I'm gonna put up with your drumming day and night on a set,'" he recalled.

Ironically, for this event, Olmeda will be joined by his brother, Tico Rivera, best known as a percussionist with Jason Mraz. However, Olmeda performs mostly solo. The choice for this format comes

"It's not the San Diego scene that's stale. It's the state of music as an appreciated art form that merits monetary compensation that is killing the art of songwriting."

CARLOS OLMEDA
Musician, singer

down to past experience.

"I used to be a pain-in-the-butt band director," Olmeda said. "I demand too much of my musicians in terms of originality and that's not the easiest way to make friends if you're not paying much. I had an awesome band called Supermice! for about 36 minutes, though. They were super awesome but I rode 'em too hard."

Olmeda has toured around the world, but it hasn't all been smooth sailing.

"The weirdest thing was playing for Jerry Adams in Ireland in 1997 at a local parade in Belfast. [I was] singing 'Tramp the Dirt Down' by Elvis Costello and the microphone did this weird sway because the stage was pretty rickety and it came back and hit me right in the mouth and chipped my tooth ... [Still,] I didn't miss a beat," he said.

A veteran of pretty much every venue in town that welcomes acoustic music, Olmeda said San Diego's music scene is healthy — to a point.

"It's not the San Diego scene that's stale," he said. "It's the state of music as an appreciated art form that merits monetary compensation that is killing the art of songwriting. I'm gonna get a T-shirt printed up that says 'Free Music Sounds Cheap!'"

In the meantime, he said he'll continue working toward an eventual new album, with new songs appearing regularly.

"I usually get a hook or a chorus or



Equal parts folk and pop, Carlos Olmeda's in-concert performances have been rare in recent months as he preps new tunes, making his appearance at Java Joe's on Oct. 12 a "must" for longtime fans or anyone who enjoys acoustic music.

Courtesy photo

one line of lyrics stuck in my head and I grow songs from them," Olmeda said. "I make music for the same reason some people breathe. I really get annoyed when people ask, 'Are you still writing songs?'"

After decades playing music around the world, Olmeda maintains that performing is still his driving force. "Music means more to me now than ever — just not as a dependable income," he said.

• **Carlos Olmeda** performs at 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 at **Java Joes**, 4976 Newport Ave. All ages. \$10. www.javajoesd.com.

City launches carton recycling public-education campaign

San Diego City Council President Tony Young, in partnership with the Carton Council, has announced the launch of a comprehensive public-education campaign to promote the addition of food and beverage cartons to the city's recycling program.

The addition of carton packages marks another innovation in the city's successful recycling efforts, with nearly all household containers used by residents now being recyclable. Residents who receive city refuse-collection service should place all empty food and beverage cartons in their blue curbside recycling bin.

Commonly used carton containers include milk and juice cartons, as well as soup, broth and soy-milk cartons.

The initiative will enable the city of to boost its recycling rates. The city currently has a waste diversion rate of 65 percent, and having residents recycle their cartons will help to increase that number, according to officials.

San Diego is part of a national movement of major cities that now offer curbside residential carton recycling, and is one of the largest cities in California to recycle cartons. This expansion of their recycling program is being supported through a public private partnership with the Carton Council, a collaborative of carton manufacturers committed to expanding carton recycling in the United States.

Carton recycling is becoming increasingly popular across the nation. In 2008, only 18 percent of American households had access to carton-recycling programs. Today, thanks in part to the Carton Council, this number has more than doubled to nearly 40 percent, with more than one in three households now having

access. San Diego joins cities in over 40 states representing over 46 million households that now accept cartons as part of their residential curbside collection programs.

To support the initiative, the city and the Carton Council will launch a public-education campaign to encourage residents to recycle their food and beverage cartons. Key supporters and partners in the campaign include Horizon Organic dairy brand; Silk plant-based natural and organic beverages, and International Delight flavored, liquid non-dairy creamers. Each of these food and beverage product companies utilizes carton packaging, and wants to ensure that consumers recycle these products.

The project's partners will spend the next few months getting the word out to residents to raise public awareness about carton recycling. The campaign will include direct mail, radio promotions, advertising in local community newspapers, outreach at local community events, along with online and social media efforts. Local grocery stores have also committed to distribute informational materials about carton recycling to their customers.

The recycled carton paper fibers are a valuable resource for making new products and consist of some of the highest quality fiber among recyclable products. Consequently, cartons have global demand and are shipped to paper mills, where the paper fiber is extracted to make new products such as paper towels, tissue, and even building materials.

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GUEST VIEW

Brighton Avenue bathroom muralist says art should stir dialogue, healing

By Shinpei Takeda

I am writing this as a response to an article that appeared in *The Peninsula Beacon* on Sept. 20, with a hope that this is a beginning of a dialogue so that we can communicate while respecting each other's individual freedom of ideas, opinions and artist expressions.

I strongly believe so, as I am currently preparing for an exhibit in Beijing, China, where artworks are sometimes censored and banned from public view.

I would like to first clarify an important aspect of my artwork on the ceiling of the newly built comfort station. I did not make the artwork to write an accurate or general history of Ocean Beach, nor to commemorate the 125-year anniversary of Ocean Beach.

I am not equipped to write an accurate history of Ocean Beach, nor do I deserve to do so just having lived there for five years of my life.

Second of all, I never made my work with an intention to hurt nor to offend anyone. I have always believed in art's

capacity to start a dialogue and heal rather than hurting people.

In my work, I utilized words and texts to describe some of the things that I felt were important. I used some texts (not all) from the *OB Rag* because a grassroots citizen-driven publication like that is a testament to Ocean Beach's spirit of freedom, not because I agree with what they say, their views and their accuracy.

It is important to note that I did not "quote" these articles. I used these texts as a pool of vocabularies and defragmented them in ripple shapes so that they intersect with the vocabularies from the writers whose name appear on the Ocean Beach's streets.

I felt that these mixes of vocabularies of past and present create new meanings and new interpretation, and perhaps a new proposal for the future.

Why for the future? Because I knew that building is built to last for a long time, and hopefully that artwork will last for a long time as well. So when someone looks at it 20 or 30 years later, they can remember the most random and beautiful



moments as well as some difficult moments of Ocean Beach.

For an example, when I lived in Ocean Beach, I was extremely sad about incidents involving shootings. I am not trying to blame any particular person, party or policy, but rather I wanted to share my feeling — I was simply sad that these things had to happen.

I remember thinking deeply about the

idea of freedom and what it meant, and what it takes to create that. Hence, I feel strongly that the only way these things do not happen again is by not forgetting them.

I believe art is a perfect platform to talk and think about these difficult and sometimes painful memories.

I say this also because when I visited the Ocean Beach Historical Society in my

research, I could not find much written or documented about Wonderland which stood right by the bathroom merely 100 years ago or so. I was disappointed that such a wonderful history is not very widely remembered in Ocean Beach, and again reminded about the importance of remembering.

Ultimately, I would like to make clear that I am also not trying to control how the work is viewed and interpreted. I would like everyone to go see the work, use the bathroom, and have his/her own interpretation of the art.

Being able to work on this art was truly a honor for me because Ocean Beach is such an important place for me. After all, I learned and put into practice the Obecean spirit of freedom when I was living nine houses away from the bathroom on Brighton Avenue.

From the living room of this apartment, I co-founded The AJA Project, a nonprofit that work with refugee children using photography which 12 years later is still thriving as one of the most innovative social organization in San Diego.

CONCERN

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In the process, police officials got quite an earful from citizens who say they're afraid and want their community back.

"I'm worried. It's at our doorstep and it's scary," said one woman who described herself as a 16-year resident who lives and works on Newport Avenue with a mother and aunt nearby. "I want to feel safe when I walk around my hometown. I've been calling cabs to go four blocks."

The officers said they're intensifying efforts to catch a Peeping Tom first reported in late spring along Saratoga Avenue who, after a lull of a few months, has reportedly resumed his spree and has raised the number of victims to seven.

At the same time, police officials said investigations are ongoing in connection with a female jogger who was groped by a man on a bicycle in mid-August along the San Diego River trail near Dog Beach, as well as an attempted rape a couple weeks later in the 5000 block of Muir Avenue.

Officials said the rape investigation is in

the hands of the SDPD Sex Crimes Unit downtown, and Jacques is in charge of investigating the jogging victim. Meanwhile, more officers — in uniform and plainclothes police on foot, bikes and in cars — have been assigned to catch the Peeping Tom, Surwilo said.

"This has been a very hot topic for us," said Stone, who joined the Western Division last month. "We're very serious about this guy. As serious as you are about your safety."

The peeping case has been difficult to investigate because only one victim has been able to come up with a description, Stone said. The others, she said, have only offered statements like, "I saw a shadow in my window," or "I saw a male figure."

"That's not enough for us to make an arrest," Stone said.

Officers are noticing open windows and blinds at night, which they said invites crime.

"This person is an opportunistic criminal," Stone said. "When they have those opportunities to look in your windows, they're going to do things like that."

Police have released a composite drawing of the suspect and have two DNA

samples, she said.

"We're continuing to do the best investigations with the cases that we can," she said.

Not everyone appeared convinced. Some residents expressed frustration with the lack of arrests stemming from the three crimes, and others said they suspected not all crimes were being investigated.

John Wilson, a relative of the near-rape victim, said he didn't like police criticism after he printed wanted posters offering a \$5,000 reward.

He defended his inclusion of two composite sketches that are not suspects in the rape case, and pointed out the poster makes it clear the composites were for other crimes.

"I'll be happy [if we were] to catch any of them," Wilson said. "They need to be brought to justice too."

"I didn't appreciate the flack I got for the poster. I raised the awareness on the situation. A lot more people know about it. I'm not going to stop looking for him until I find the guy, period," he said, to a solid round of applause.

Others also backed Wilson's initiative. "If it hadn't been for this young man putting posters around, none of the women at the club would have known about it until weeks later," said Donna Bergerson, president of the Ocean Beach Woman's Club.

Surwilo pointed to the website crimemapping.com, which allows the user to enter a ZIP code or address and see what crimes have been reported over a given time period. He also stressed the importance of reporting all crimes, even those too small to require an in-person

CASES

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been released.

Information can be reported to Det. Tom Jacques at (619) 692-4833 or to the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent to www.sdcrimestoppers.com.

• Attempted rape, Aug. 25, 5000 block Muir Avenue

Police said the incident occurred shortly after 2 a.m. No composite sketch has been released. Family members have printed posters with a written description that accompanies two sketches unrelated to the case. Police said they believe the suspect was known to the family but have not ruled out a stranger. Information can be called in to the police department's Sex Crimes Unit at (619) 531-2210.

• Peeping case, May to present, Saratoga Avenue

ga Avenue

Police said the first of the seven cases was reported May 22 when a female noticed a person at her window as she got out of the shower.

Three of the four cases involved the window screen being cut about 2 inches by 2 inches. All cases occurred from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. Because of the proximity of the victims involved, police believe the suspect lives nearby.

A composite sketch has been released on the suspect, who is described as a white male between 22 and 28 years of age, between 165-200 pounds, between 5-feet 9-inches and 6-feet-tall. At the time of the incident, he was wearing a dark blue shirt or jacket and a dark colored beanie cap or hat that covered his hair. Information may be reported to the San Diego Police Department's Western Division at (619) 692-4800 or to San Diego County Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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police report.

Police need as many reports as possible to detect trends and put in place better staffing where needed, Surwilo said.

"Even if it's a minor burglary, [report] it online or over the phone," Surwilo said. "If we don't have the numbers, we can't get the staffing and we can't provide the proper safety for you. It's the only way we can be proactive."

Police officials also offered tips for turning in witness reports. Surwilo said to be prepared to describe clothing, including

hats, bandanas and colors. Notice specific characteristics of facial features, hair and tattoos. Note if they're carrying anything, like a backpack. It also helps to start at the top and notice as many details as you work your way to the bottom.

Also notice the mode of transportation used by a criminal, whether it's a car or a bike, and get the color, make, model and license plate. Get the direction of travel, too, Surwilo said.

"Think of us as having a seeing-eye dog and a white cane," he said.

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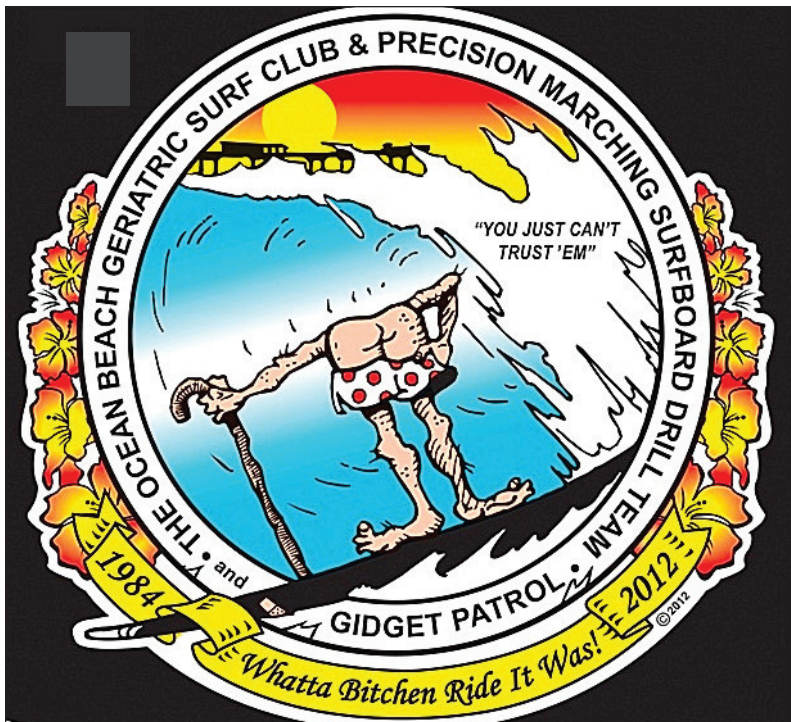
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parades and performances. The favorite gig was always the annual Ocean Beach Christmas Parade, where the club was always out in full force to please the crowd. At one point, the band of geriatric surfers joined forces with well-known groups like the Beach Boys to entertain energetic fans at major events in San Diego.

The Surf Club also made several guest appearances in Hollywood videos, movies and TV commercials. Special paid performances included memorable trips to Hawaii to entertain at business meetings like those of the Fortune 500 Club.

What started out as a one-time event turned out to be a 28-year gig for more than 150 local surfers. The year was 1984. The Ocean Beach Town Council was in a need of finding participants for its annual Christmas parade. The weather forecast that year was for heavy rains the day of the parade, which resulted in several parade-entry cancellations.

To help save the day, a few local surfers quickly came up with the idea of getting their friends together to form a surfboard precision drill team, add some loud, popular surf music, and have fun marching in the parade—rain or shine. The only qualifications to be a Geriatric Surf Club member were to be over 30 years old and be a surfer. That beginning year in 1984, the crowd went wild over the surf club's enthusiastic inaugural performance.



The performance helped light up the phone lines. It seemed everyone wanted the Geriatrics and Gidgets to perform in other parades. One of these was the famous Pasadena Doo Dah Parade. The OB Surf Club showed up in force that year in Pasadena and ended up walking away with the Grand Sweepstakes trophy. Over the years, the requests kept coming in for the club to perform at various events around the country. Local events always included the downtown St. Patrick's Day

and the Coronado July 4th parades.

The people of Ocean Beach sadly bid The Ocean Beach Geriatric Surf Club and Precision Marching Surfboard Drill Team and Gidget Patrol a fond farewell in their retirement. They will be missed in future OB Christmas parades and special events.

Ocean Beach will have big shoes to fill the void that the Ocean Beach Geriatric Surf Club and Precision Marching Surfboard Drill Team and Gidget Patrol will leave.

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instant replay has changed their approach, the agony of wrong calls and the intense scrutiny referees are subjected to.

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area came under city jurisdiction. A 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.

Today, Surfrider officials said a halt to the erosion may lay in less-invasive procedures, like the installation of natural vegetation, drainage courses designed to remove pollution from runoff, redirection of gutters away from the park soil and low-impact development plans. But Paul Jacob, the city's associate civil

engineer, cautioned that such remedies are offered in the wrong context.

"These solutions are great," Jacob told *The Beacon* in March, "but [environmentalists are] proposing a naturalized solution in an unnatural environment. All along the park, you have an urbanized watershed. When it rains, you have a lot more water coming down toward the bluffs than would have ever occurred in its natural state, when it was just brushy hillsides. The whole notion of natural [redirection] is good, but that would be inadequate to handle the volume of runoff we have to deal with. There's just too much water."

Chunn-Heer, however, appears to be thinking the same thing on her end. The typical San Diego homeowner, she said, irrigates a lawn to the tune of about 54 inches of water a year—far in excess of levels necessary to maintain healthy grass. That's how much runoff, erosive to the bluffs and polluted with dirt and oils, the nearby residents fuel without

knowing it.

Enter the Ocean Friendly Gardens program, with its three-pronged approach. The first installment, called the Basics Class, centers on the idea of a house as a watershed and will be held Monday, Oct. 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Point Loma Nazarene University. Next is the Hands-On Workshop, featuring principles of rainwater capture and irrigation systems, set for Sunday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon at a Sunset Cliffs-area venue to be announced. Rounding out the program is the Garden Assistance Party, centering on the building of healthy soils and installing climate-appropriate plants. This event is set for Sunday, Jan. 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., also at an undetermined Sunset Cliffs location.

For more information about Ocean Friendly Gardens or to register for the class, visit surfridersd.org and click on the image pertaining to the events, email ofg@surfridersd.org, or call (858) 792-9940.



Surfrider officials said a halt to the erosion may lay in less-invasive procedures, like the installation of natural vegetation, drainage courses designed to remove pollution from runoff, redirection of gutters away from the park soil and low-impact development plans. *Courtesy photo*

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OKTOBERFEST

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One of the event's biggest attractions is Ocean Beach's seaside location. Ocean Beach MainStreet Association executive director Denny Knox points out that this fall celebration is the only Oktoberfest located on the beach. She added this is key to keeping admission prices low.

"We just want people to come and have fun," Knox said. "Some things you go to are so expensive, and then you don't have money to spend with the merchants in the area. We find that this way, business is brisk even at merchants in the area surrounding Oktoberfest."

While adding a Friday-night component to Oktoberfest has been very successful, she said it is unlikely that it would ultimately stretch into a third day on Sundays.

"It's very costly to stage these special



Musical entertainment will keep crowds fired up on two stages on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Courtesy photo by Joe Ewing

events," Knox said. "It's all volunteers and a committee of about 12 people.

Right now, we're pretty happy with the Friday and Saturday setup."

On Friday, Oct. 12, event goers will be entertained at a single stage at the foot of Newport, beginning at 4:30 p.m., and include a beer garden and finalists in a Band Slam competition to pick the best cover or tribute band in the area. On hand will be Myndecryme (Queensryche), Spiral Out (Tool), Rage Again (Rage Against The Machine), Dazed and Confused (Led Zeppelin), Hey Ho Lets Go (The Ramones) and Hitman Honey (1980s hits).

Then, on Oct. 13, there will be a full day of activities beginning at 10 a.m., along with two stages. The main stage will be hosted by inimitable local personality and crooner, Jose Sinatra, with performances from one of the area's favorite tribute bands, Electric Waste Band (The Grateful Dead), and a selection of original music ranging from rock to reggae with artists like Mike Pinto, The Devastators, The B-Side Players, JetWest and Blackout Party.

At the same time, the Bavarian Beer Garden Band will play on the Seaside Stage, located on Abbott Street. Of course, that's just the tip of the iceberg. Oktoberfest visitors will find a plethora of additional activities, including a "Mr. and Ms. Oktoberfest" contest, a sausage toss with a \$10,000 top prize, a brat trot beach run, as well as stein-holding contests and a bratwurst-eating competition.

Guests worried about parking are encouraged to take a shuttle that will run every half-hour between the event and the 710 Beach Club in Pacific Beach. There will also be a special bicycle parking area adjacent to the life-guard tower on Abbott Street.

Members of Electric Waste Band are veterans of the event. According to keyboardist Paul Bell, it's the location that particularly sets this Oktoberfest apart from the rest.

"I always enjoy playing outside at the pier, as you cannot ask for a better setting," he said.

He said there are challenges to playing an outdoor gig like this, but the stage location actually mitigates some potential issues.

"The sound outdoors isn't as ambient so," said Bell. "As a vocalist, it creates the illusion that your voice is disappearing the instant you make a note, whereas indoors you get the reflection off the back wall giving you a little more of your own voice. At Oktoberfest, though, it is great because the stage points toward the cement wall and we can get a little vocal slapback."

According to Bell, it's likely the band will skip a planned-out set list.

"One year, I think we did compose a set that we adhered to about 70 percent," he said. "More often than not, we want to feel out the vibe of what kind of day it is, how the crowd is reacting, etc."

He said that generally means the crowd will be treated to a more hit-oriented show.

"We do seem to lean toward the sunnier side of the [Grateful] Dead universe," said Bell. "'Scarlet Begonias,' 'Here Comes Sunshine' and 'Sugar Magnolia' are all favorites."

Dazed and Confused frontman and Ocean Beach resident Jason Ott agrees that the hits are important at an outdoor event of this type.

"The sets are pretty short and there are so many good songs," said Ott. "The hard part is trying to decide which songs not to play. We're used to doing at least three hours, which gives us plenty of time to play all the crowd favorites and some obscure tunes, too. The thing we will take into consideration is: Is it a popular enough song that the majority of people listening will get into it?"

He cites "Kashmir," "How Many More Times," and "Whole Lotta Love" as crowd pleasers.

"At OB Pier parking lot events, we get to play on a much bigger stage and to a much bigger crowd than usual," Ott said. "That's a bonus more than a challenge. Over the last six years, we have played in OB, Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Orange County, Solana Beach, downtown.

"OB is by far the most fun," he said. "People here just love live music. I love being able to play in my backyard. We get to look the crowd and see so many friends all in one place. Good times!"

• **OB Oktoberfest** takes place Friday, Oct. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 13 at **Newport Avenue and Abbot Street**. All ages. Free. www.oboktoberfest.com

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Pointers notch back-to-back victories

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

The Point Loma Pointers broke from the starting gate like thoroughbreds Sept. 28, putting up 17 first-quarter points against Scripps Ranch in a 24-3 victory, wrapping up the Dogs' pre-league schedule with a 3-2 record and — more importantly — establishing a two-game winning streak.

The opening period began calmly on Friday, with Miguel Alcantar's 26-yard field goal ending an early Pointer drive that stalled after a Branden Martin to Jake Wambaugh pass to the Falcons' one-foot line was called back on a holding penalty.

But when Scripps Ranch was unable to move the ball following the kickoff, back-up Point Loma quarterback Avery Cramer came from the edge, bursting through the Falcons' punt protection to block the attempt. The ball was picked up by a Falcon and advanced, but not far enough for a first down.

The Pointers took over at their opponent's 25-yard line and Martin ran to his left on a keeper, avoiding Falcon defenders for a 25-yard score. The Pointer lead moved to 10-0 with 4:37 to play.

After another three-and-out by the Pointer defense, a Falcon punt into the notorious westerly winds at Pete Ross Stadium gave the Dogs good field position. A 36-yard run by Sydney Rush and a five-yard touchdown blast by Jamal Agnew pushed the lead to 17-0 with 28 seconds left on the first-period clock.

"We were super excited to get that momentum early in the game," said Pointer head coach Mike Hastings. "I thought we really set the tone early."

The Falcons scored their only points after mounting a drive that consumed nine minutes of the second quarter before being halted. The Pointers were penalized for roughing the kicker on a failed field goal attempt before the second attempt from 39 yards sailed through the uprights.

A third-quarter Pointer drive ended when a fourth-down attempt fell short at the Falcon four-yard marker before a two-yard run by Ja'Markus Watkins closed out the Dog scoring with 2:29 left in the game.

On the afternoon, Martin completed three of seven tosses for 69 yards, and six players (Martin, Rush, Watkins, Agnew, A.J. Smith and Johnny Maes) combined for 203 yards on 38 running plays, an average of 5.3 yards per touch.

Defensively, Greg Verdugo had five solo and seven assists for 12 total tackles. Zach Eischen (5, 5), Agnew (2, 7) and Steven Arreola (4, 5) led the stingy Pointer defense that did not allow a touchdown for the first time this season.

Wambaugh registered a sack for a 19-yard loss and Agnew picked off two errant Falcon pass attempts. All four of Alcantar's kickoffs sailed into the end zone for touchbacks.

"We were really happy with the way the kids came out and played all three phases of the game," Hastings said. "Our defense really clamped down on them. And we've had zero turnovers in the last eight quarters."

The Pointers renew an old rivalry when recent Western League addition Kearny arrives Friday, Oct. 5 for a 3 p.m. battle at Bennie Edens Field. The Komets (two wins, four losses) recently made headlines when they were ordered to minimize the iconic stripes that have identified their uniforms for decades to satisfy a new ruling.

On Oct. 12, Friday Night Lights returns for PLHS Homecoming as La Jolla's Vikings sneak onto Pointer turf attempting to abscond with "The Shoe" trophy in one of the city's longest-running rivalries. The Vikes are laboring under a 1-4 win-loss record but shut out Coronado 21-0 on the Islanders' field for their lone win. Kickoff under the lights is at 6:30 p.m. An overflow crowd is expected.



Point Loma's Avery Cramer (No. 7) moves to block a punt attempt by Scripps Ranch as Jake Virissimo (No. 14) approaches. The Pointers scored after recovering the football to take an early 10-0 lead.
Photo by Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

EXTRA POINTS

- Asked what prompted the two-game Pointer win streak after a two-game slump, Hastings quickly replied, "They got tired of losing and tired of going out and not performing to the level they're capable of."
- The Scripps Ranch game was selected as the National Football Foundation "Game of the Week," and linebacker Verdugo was named Most Valuable Player for the Pointers. He will attend a Chargers game and season-ending banquet for his effort.

- The PLHS junior varsity (4-0) and freshman teams (4-1) continued their winning ways.
- Robert Pejovich, whose son, Robby (a linebacker, long-snapper, class of 2011) who is studying at Boise State University, is taking responsibility once again for setting up two-dozen rented generator trailers for the Oct. 12 Homecoming lighting. Pejovich is hoping a small army of volunteers will turn out to help.

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PLNU ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS
MEN'S SOCCER

Dixie State's Tyler Albretsen scored in the ninth minute of the first overtime to clip the Point Loma Nazarene University's men's soccer team 2-1 on Sept. 29 in St. George, Utah.

The Sea Lions (2-5-0, 1-4-0 PacWest) sent the match to overtime on Gustavo Jimenez's equalizing goal in the 71st minute. It was the senior from San Diego's first goal of the season.

The match was tied 0-0 at the half. The Red Storm seized the lead four minutes into the second half on a goal by Jordan Roylance.

Carter Phillips had eight saves for PLNU. The Sea Lions were outshot 21-7 in the contest.

The Sea Lions' were scheduled to take on Cal Baptist Oct. 2 in a PLNU home game.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Dixie State handed the Point Loma women's soccer team its first PacWest Conference loss of the season with a 1-0 win on Sept. 29 in St. George, Utah.

Kelsey Hansen scored the lone goal of the match in the 67th minute when she beat the Sea Lions' goalie in a one-on-one situation.

The loss puts PLNU (6-2-0) and Dixie State (4-3-2) into a tie at the top of the

PacWest standings at 4-1-0. The loss also snapped the Sea Lions' six-match winning streak.

Tiffany Kracy had seven saves for the Sea Lions, who were outshot 16-6. Amanda Mitchell had two shots to lead all PLNU shooters.

The Point Loma women's soccer team return to take on Cal Baptist on Oct. 2.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Point Loma women's volleyball team discovered how difficult it can be to take the road trip to Dixie State in St. George, Utah, as the Sea Lions fell in four sets, 25-20, 25-23, 22-25 and 25-18, on Sept. 29.

Kelli LeClair had 15 kills to lead all scorers in the match. She made just four errors in 45 swings for a .244 hitting percentage. LeClair also had 12 digs for her fourth double-double of the season. Delaney McCraney also got into double-figures with 12 kills and KcKensy Wise hit .500, with six kills and no errors in 12 attempts. Natalie Hamill added a team-high 46 assists and Nicole Eiler had 37 digs.

This was the second consecutive PacWest loss for the Sea Lions, who fell to 5-8 on the season and to 1-3 in conference play. This was the second PacWest win of the season for the Red Storm. Dixie State is now 4-7 on the season and 2-5 in PacWest play.

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Pointers tame tigers in 38-6 rout

On Sept. 21, the Pointers broke a two-game losing slump with a convincing 38-6 drubbing of Morse.

The victory evened the Dogs record at 2-2 and marked the return of tight end/defensive end Jake Wambaugh, who wasted no time making his presence felt. The junior scooped up a loose ball after teammate Verdugo blocked a Tiger punt attempt and lumbered 25 yards for the first score of the game midway through the first period.

Martin ran for one touchdown (two yards) and threw for another (46 yards

to Agnew). D.J. Lacy (10-yard touchdown, 13 carries for 105 total yards) and Johnny Maes (five-yard touchdown) inflicted further damage. Alcantar's 32-yard field goal rounded out scoring as the Pointers totaled 283 yards in offense (79 passing, 204 rushing).

Sophomore Jake Virissimo led all tacklers with six solo and four assists. Eischen (5, 3), Verdugo (4, 3) and Arreola (2, 5, plus a fumble recovery) also had big games. Mario Fregoso and Virissimo were credited with sacks.

The Pointers led 21-6 at halftime and 31-6 after three periods.

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PLNU

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Brita Jensen and Shannon Young had 14 and 13 kills, respectively, to lead the Red Storm.

Point Loma had 58 kills to just 51 for Dixie State; however, PLNU committed 19 more service or hitting errors. The Sea Lions return home Oct. 5 against Dixie State.

GOLF

Seven Point Loma tennis student-athletes played in the USTA/ITA West Region Championships during the final weekend of September in Los Angeles.

The doubles team of Mikey Zabian and Brooks Baldinger highlighted the performances for the Sea Lions by reaching the semifinals. The duo fought through the round of 16 and quarterfinals before falling 8-5 to Fresno Pacific's Kirill Sinityn and Amarit Sanchez. To reach the semis, Zabian and Baldinger defeated Sonoma State's Drexler Dy and David Hutton 8-4 and Azusa Pacific's Jochem Hoefnagels and Jan Meyer 9-7.

Maika Adair advanced to the round of 16 in singles and to the quarterfinals in doubles to lead the women. She opened singles with a three-set win over Kim Koetterheinrich of Azusa Pacific (3-6, 6-3, 10-5) to reach the round of 16. Adair was bounced from the tournament in that round by Cal State LA's Christie Lau. Adair then partnered with Wileen Chui in doubles. The pair won their first match 8-6 over Cal State LA's Sevana Zargarian and Samantha Sismundo. The Sea Lions' duo fell in the next round to BYU-Hawaii's Annie Hwang and Sherry Liu.

Preethika Venugopal joined Adair in the round of 16 in both singles. She opened the tournament with a two-set sweep of Cal State Stanislaus' Kelsey Chrisko (6-3, 6-2), which allowed her to jump into the round of 16. Venugopal was knocked out of the tournament in the round of 16 by Grand Canyon's Justine Majan (7-6, 6-1). The sophomore from Cerritos also got to the round of 16 in the doubles competition, along with teammate Hope Penner.

Penner also picked up a singles victory with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Marissa Frazer of Dominican University.

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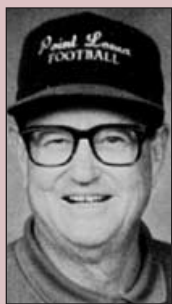
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Members of legendary gridiron squad of 1987 reunite 25 years later

THE MEN AT THE TOP



Bennie Edens was the PLHS head football coach from 1950 until 1998. His 1987 team is the only one in PLHS history to record an undefeated season. Edens retired with a record of 241 wins, 168 losses and 16 ties.



Point Loma resident Jimmie Howard, a Congressional Medal of Honor winner, coached on the undefeated 1987 football team.

By **SCOTT HOPKINS** | THE BEACON

Members of the greatest football team in Point Loma High School history and one of the recognized top teams in San Diego prep history reunited Sept. 28 during halftime of the Pointers game against Scripps Ranch.

That 1987 team is celebrating 25 years since the small group of 33 players soared to an undefeated season (13-0) and won the CIF Championship in what was then known as Jack Murphy Stadium, now Qualcomm Stadium.

Current Pointer assistant football coach Dave Aros, who began his career at PLHS in 1978, was the only surviving member of the coaching staff present for the event. Team members presented him with a commemorative game ball for his contributions.

Of the 33 players, 18 were, or became, All-Eastern League players. Of those 18, eight were named to the All-CIF Team and three to the All-State Team. Eleven went on to play at four-year universities,

nine of those in Division I. Six of them played for Pac Ten Conference schools, with one being named a Parade magazine All-American and two who had NFL careers.

"What I thought really made that team special," Aros said later, "was our first team played against our first team all the

time. Nobody played first string both ways. We had 22 starters, even though everyone had an offensive and defensive position."

Aros recalls beating Morse High 13-12 for the CIF title in Jack Murphy Stadium, the same score as the teams' earlier Eastern League championship game. In both

cases, the Pointers were behind 7-0 at halftime before coming back for the wins.

Deceased coaches honored were head coach Bennie Edens and assistants Eddie Johns, Ben Cipranic, Steve Harrow, Jeff Hill, Bud DeLong and retired U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Jimmie Howard, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient.



Members of Point Loma High's undefeated 1987 CIF Champion football team were honored at halftime of the Pointers' Sept. 28 game. Dave Aros, center, a PLHS coach then and now, was presented a commemorative ball by players – including Ron Evans, left, and Anthony DaSilva.

Photo by Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

QUICKHITS

Waves, USO team to feed traveling military folks

Through a collaborative effort with the San Diego USO and other strategic partners, the volunteer-based San Diego Waves of Appreciation organization is creating a food resource for the thousands of American servicemembers traveling from the San Diego International airport during the 2012 holidays.

Project organizers said many of these men and women might be traveling without enough money for food and snacks, and the food program will help hungry soldiers fill their bellies on travel.

The partnership's goal is to give back and show gratitude to military members as they travel home to see their families during the holiday season.

To this end, Waves of Appreciation will create and distribute 3,500 bags filled with non-perishable food items to give to active-duty service members traveling through Lindbergh Field the week before Thanksgiving and Christmas. These bags will help sustain many of the young service members who might otherwise have to travel hungry during the holidays, said organizers.

For more information, call Reed Reichert at (858) 705-8118, or email sandiegopepperdinewaves@gmail.com. Donations can be made by making checks payable to: USO San Diego Downtown Center, C/O Ginger Csizmad, 303 A Street Suite 100, San Diego, 92101. Just write "food bag project" on the check memo line.

You can also "like" Waves of Appreciation at www.facebook.com/Waves-OfAppreciation.

Run/walk to aid fight against colon cancer

More than 300 participants are expected to attend the inaugural "Get Your Rear in Gear® 5K Run/Walk" in Point Loma on Oct. 13. Runners, walkers, and volunteers will gather to raise awareness of the nation's No. 2 cancer killer and raise funds for colon cancer prevention screening.

The day will include a celebration for survivors, support for caregivers and tributes to those who lost their battles.

The event begins with registration at 7:45 a.m. at NTC Liberty Station. The 5K run portion and walk portion will follow at 9 a.m. and 9:05 a.m., respectively. Registration and information is available online at www.getyourrearin-gear.com.

Pastel Society to host demo by Rodger Hegler

Award-winning pastelist Rodger Heglar will demonstrate the unique effect of oil pastel during the Oct. 7 meeting of the San Diego Pastel Society. Heglar's lifelong interest in Old Masters helped form his sense of light and traditional composition.

Particular interest in early California painters helped him refine his eye and create his own palette. Although trained as a biological anthropologist, he has pursued his passion for art in its many forms throughout his life.

The demonstration begin at 2 p.m. at the Point Loma/ Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. Refreshments will be served and the public is welcome.

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