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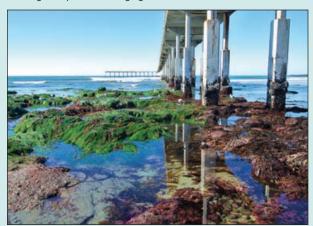
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RETREATING TIDE MAKES FOR SPECTACULAR DISCOVERIES

A low tide on Nov. 12 provided a stunning treat for ocean lovers, who got to see a different perspective on what lies beneath and around the Ocean Beach Pier. Under the warmth of the morning sun, families scoured the exposed tidepools to get a look at sealife close up, while others simply admired the spendor of the beautiful ocean colors and normally underwater terrain. Weather forecasters are predicting mostly fair skies over the next week, with high temperatures ranging between the mid-60s to around 70 in a setup for the Thanksgiving Day weekend.





Planners: put threefold-larger OB library at top of list

By TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

Replacing Ocean Beach's aging library with a modern facility that is triple the size of the current branch on Santa Monica Street should be the community's No. 1 priority next time the city makes out its budget for infrastructure, according to a wish list developed by the Ocean Beach Planning Board (OBPB).

The board, which is officially sanctioned by the city to make land-use and quality-of-life recommendations to the city, voted 6-2 to place the library atop a list of 13 projects for the city's consideration during the OBPB's monthly meeting Nov. 7.

It's the first time the OBPB and the city's other 40-odd community planning groups have been invited to help prioritize items in

the city's capital improvement project (CIP) budget. This budget includes outlays for unique, often large-scale construction projects that enhance public assets like parks, beaches and roadways.

In addition to the library, the OBPB's wish list includes five items extracted from an ambi-

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Visitors to this home on Willow Street are welcomed by blue gates that open up to an infinity pool area featuring a visitor casita and palapa kitchen. It is one of four homes on this year's All Souls' Holiday Home Tour.



All Souls' to host 60th edition of breathtaking PL home tours

By STAFF AND CONTRIBUTION

What does a Koi pond, a xeriscaped yard, an Italian mural and a palapa kitchen all have in common? They are a few of the many unique features of the residences on this year's circuit of the All Souls' Home Tour

— billed as the longest-running holiday home tour west of the Mississippi.

Now in its 60th year, the tour will offer visitors a peek inside four exquisite Point Loma homes. A Saint Nicholas Marketplace, after-

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PLHS graduate ID'd as shooting victim in bizarre crime spree

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

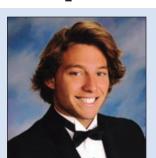
A 2010 Point Loma High School graduate is fighting for his life after being ambushed by a wanted fugitive who shot him in the head on Oct. 29, leaving locals angered and shocked.

William "Will" Barton, 20, was walking in the 1400 block of Upas Street on the edge of Balboa Park at 2:34 a.m. after finishing his shift at a Fifth Avenue restaurant, headed toward his father's home.

It was then that 40-year-old Philip Martin Hernandez, a former Cal Fire firefighter wanted in Riverside County on charges of having sex with a minor, was sitting in a car nearby, arguing with his now-18-year-old girlfriend, Cindy Altamirano Garcia. She is the subject of the charges in a relationship that reportedly began at a National City park when she was 16.

Hernandez, whose life was rapidly unraveling, had reportedly

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WILLIAM 'WILL' BARTON
Community rallies
to aid ex-student

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

The senseless shooting of 20-year-old William "Will" Barton has rallied a group of local parents, classmates and community members to assist the stunned family, which remains at the hospital bedside of the 20-year-old, hope-

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While burning wooden pallets seems fun and innocent enough, the San Diego Municipal Code prohibits burning the fuel source at city fire pits. The potential fine is \$250 for violators.

Pallet fires are fun, but you could get burned by a fine

By BIANCA KOCH | THE BEACON

Watching the sunset and lighting a bonfire for a beach barbecue makes for good year-round family fun. Ocean Beach still offers plenty of fire pits to get you fired up.

But along with the innocent fun comes the laws with not-soinnocent fines attached.

Many people interviewed on a recent weekend who were using Ocean Beach's fire pits said they were unaware of potential legal troubles for such things as using the wrong fire fuel (like wooden pallets), leaving fires unattended or abandoned, and burning fires at the wrong time without a permit. These issues are covered under city codes and may be enforced.

Longtime Ocean Beach resident Gregg C. Connors said he was par-

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ON VACATION WITH THE PENINSULA BEACON





The Saxon, Clark and Purbaugh families take their Peninsula Beacon along for a little south-of-the-border excursion to the Santo Tomas Winery in the Guadalupe Valley outside Tecate, Mexico.



The Harvey family and friends take their Beacon out for a little Southern hospitality in New Orleans for the Chargers/Saints game. The Beacon edition the family brought with them has father Ken Harvey on the cover for the Veterans Day issue in 2011. "New Orleans was a blast!" said Jim Harvey.

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> The Goerke family took their Beacon all over Italy and Greece recently. Here, Deryk and Marissa Goerke hold their favorite hometown newspaper in front of the leaning tower in Pisa, İtaly.



Diana Dressler of Point Loma and her friend, Barb Maxfield, took a recent tour of Washington, D.C. "This picture is taken of us at the White House .. of course we brought our Beacon along!" says Dressler.



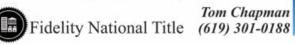
Brian and Carol Grant of Point Loma vacationed recently in Budapest. Here, Carol holds her favorite local newspaper, The Beacon, on the Danube in front of the Parliament Building.

Caitlin Snell, a recent Point Loma High School graduate, was visiting the White House with her Beacon during on a weekend off from her busy schedule at Georgetown University. Caitlin is majoring in educational law.



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PLNU shares role in new human-trafficking study

A joint project involving researchers and law enforcement agencies. from the University of San Diego, Point Loma Nazarene University and San Diego State University has received nearly \$400,000 in funding from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), according to university officials.

The study, which will include Point Loma Nazarene's Dr. Jamie Gates, is entitled "Measuring the Extent and Nature of Gang Involvement in Sex Trafficking in the San Diego/Tijuana Border Region." The research will take place over the next three years, beginning in January.

Through their research, the three professors will gather empirical evidence of the suspected relationship between gangs and human trafficking, said Point Loma Nazarene officials. Significantly, they will also create an integrated human-trafficking database that will include new sources of data, in addition to the information received through social service

The new sources will include those identified as trafficking victims at San Diego middle and high schools, along with ethnographic data from traffickers themselves.

"Communities around the country are trying to get a handle on the scope and nature of the human trafficking in their neighborhoods," said Gates. "We have gained unprecedented cooperation from schools, as well as a broad range of law enforcement agencies and social service organizations in San Diego Coun-

The new research builds on a yearlong study of gangs in San Diego and Tijuana, which established that 10 San Diego gangs are involved in sex traffick-

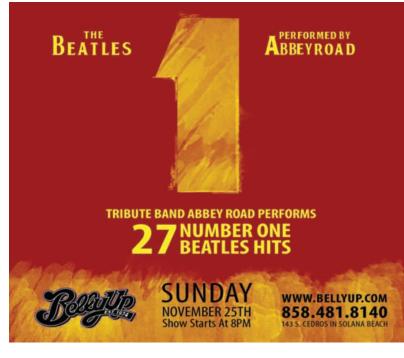
Gates co-chairs the Research and Data Subcommittee of the multi-agency San Diego County Regional Human

Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (RHT-CSEC) Advisory Council. The council's ultimate goal is to reduce human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children in San Diego County and the Mexico border region.

"Our work lays the foundation for a system of integrated data collection across the county and serves as a model to other regions," said Gates. "We have also established something we're calling RADAR (Research and Data Advisory Roundtable) on human trafficking. HT-RADAR is an independent collaborative of professional researchers in San Diego County pooling our knowledge and research resources to better understand and address this complex and multifaceted social problem."

For more information, visit www.pointloma.edu.

– Staff and contribution





Will the fiscal fog clear? Point Loma Nazarene University chief economist Lynn Reaser, Ph.D., will join California Controller John Chiang on Thursday, Nov. 15, at PLNU's Economic Outlook

The timely forum will discuss the impacts of the Nov. 6 election on jobs, housing, recovery, recession and sequestration. Invaluable insights will be provided through analysis of the local, state, national and global economies in the year ahead, with a special focus on technology, military and tourism.

The forum is put on by PLNU's Fermanian Business & Economic Institute (FBEI) and will be held at the Liberty Station Conference Center in Point Loma. Torrey Pines Bank is the title sponsor.

Reaser, who was recently named chief economist for the Controller's Council of Economic Advisors and also recently received the distinction of "most accurate economist" for 2011 by the National Association of Business Economics (NABE), will discuss the 2013 outlook for the global, national and local economies and financial markets.

The breakfast is at 7 a.m. For ticket information, visit www.pointloma.edu/-FBEI, or call (619) 849-7068.













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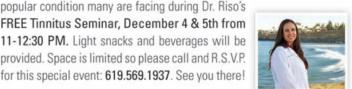
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ticularly unaware of the no-burn code applying to pallets, which he brings from his job site.

"We've been doing this forever, just like everybody else around here," said Connors. "At least twice a year we have a big party: an 'afterschool' party and a 'before school' party. Never have I heard of such a thing [no burning of pallets allowed] until today, when someone else advised me that I can't use the pallets for firewood. I thought they were kidding."

Connors brought the entire family two kids, a dog, surfboards, some friends, drinks and food - as well as three pallets, his neighbors one pit over brought two pallets and the group two pits down sported two pallets.

Several fire-pit users wondered what the harm might be. Perhaps the nails? Maybe some coating polluting the air? Trashy residue left behind?

"We pay very high taxes to live here at the beach," said one fire lover who has lived in the Ocean Beach area on and off for 30 years. "We should be able to enjoy ourselves. I came back here to enjoy the beach and use it."

Connors agreed.

"I think we have too many ridiculous laws around here," he said. "First the smoking and alcohol ban, the tent ban, now the pallets. It seems they [the city] don't want people using the beaches anymore, with all the curfews and laws they put out. We used to be able to sit here all night if we wanted."

Members of one large group of local adults that regularly uses the area at Dog Beach appeared to be the only group on this weekend to have brought their own pre-cut, permissible firewood.

"Yeah, we've known about the law for a while," said one group member. "We do this every Saturday night. I believe [the laws are] mainly because of



Under city code, fires in fire pits may only be built using materials limited to charcoal, clean wood and paper products which do not contain landscape debris, paint, stain, sealer, wood preservative, cloth, foam rubber, metal (including nails and other hardware), asphalt, plastic or other materials producing noxious fumes, odors, smoke or leaving any type of solid residue other than ash. Photo by Bianca Koch I The Beacon

the hardware [nails] attached to the pallets. We think [the prohibition is] OK. We got no problem buying firewood and coal. It keeps the pits cleaner and us out of trouble.'

Wood makes for a cozy fire, but storebought wood can be pricey, with prices of bundles ranging anywhere between \$5 and \$8. Collecting wood at parks and beaches is prohibited under city code, so the next cheapest option in the eyes of many appears to be wooden pallets. After all, they're free, widely accessible and burn for a long time.

But the law is the law, and Sgt. Jack Knish of Western Division said that specific law is in the San Diego Municipal Code.

Under a code section adopted in 2010, Knish said fires in fire pits may only be built using materials limited to charcoal, clean wood and paper products which do not contain landscape debris, paint, stain, sealer, wood preservative, cloth, foam rubber, metal (including nails and other hardware), asphalt, plastic or other materials producing noxious fumes, odors, smoke or leaving any type of solid residue other than ash.

Even though there is no specific mention of pallets, which would probably explain the confusion, Knish said the pallet prohibition should be "selfexplanatory."

According to Knish, a violation could yield an offender a fine of \$250.

"These laws are usually dealt with on a complaint basis," said Knish.

The municipal code also prohibits:

- · leaving fires unattended; fires must be extinguished, cleaned up and fire debris deposited in a city-provided hotcoal container;
- the use of sand and/or dirt to extinguish fires;
- · unused wood, coal and other fire fuel being left at the fire pit;
- and use of city fire pits between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. without a

A full list of guidelines and regulations at www.sandiego.gov/beach-regulations. Permits can be obtained from the Park and Recreation Department at (619) 235-1169.

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Fire erupts in Midway area; pot facility exposed

Firefighters responding to a two-alarm fire on Hancock Street near Hickock Street in Point Loma found a little more than they bargained for Nov. 10.

While knocking down the flames in an industrial area with multiple businesses and storage areas, firefighters stumbled on an extensive marijuana-production facility, which is now part of a police investigation, according to officials with the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department.

The blaze damaged several buildings in the complex, including an auto body shop, a machine shop, an office building and a storage facility being used by Sea-World San Diego, said authorities.

The fire is believed to have been triggered by an electrical problem, although investigators were continuing to study surveillance video. Despite initial concerns of hazardous materials, none were

Damage was estimated at about \$500,000 for all of the affected business. No injuries were reported and the flames were extinguished in about 20 minutes, said fire officials.

Bomb threat suspect sent to mental hospital

A man who allegedly made a bomb threat to a police officer at Robb Field in Ocean Beach has been committed to a state mental hospital after a judge found the defendant wasn't mentally competent to stand trial.

San Diego Superior Court Judge Fred Maguire ordered the commitment for Kreighton John Kilgore, 27, after reviewing Kilgore's psychiatric evaluations. Kilgore will be housed at Patton State Hospital, and doctors will notify the judge if Kilgore regains his mental competence.

Police received a call July 20 from a woman who said a man told her about a bomb in a mailbox and that he had threatened her. A police officer responded and Kilgore told him about a bomb, though no explosives were found.

Kilgore is also charged with battery of a police officer when he allegedly spit on the officer during his arrest.

- Neal Putnam

NTC Foundation fetes Phase 2 milestone Nov. 15

In a high-profile grand-opening event featuring District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer, NTC Foundation officials celebrated completion of the \$23 million development on Nov. 15.

The project, which involved the redevelopment of eight historic Navy buildings that were once part of the former Naval Training Center, is a milestone, considering the difficult economic times, according to Alan Ziter, executive director of the NTC Foundation.

'You can build a community center based on arts and culture — and family programming; it can survive and thrive,'

The civilianized sprawl, known today as Liberty Station, has become a mecca for arts and cultural entities, including museums, dance studios and art studios.

Even as the grand opening of Phase 2 was being celebrated, NTC Foundation officials noted the fact that the eight redeveloped buildings were already 60 percent full with new tenants.

Robber with personalized plates pleads guilty

A Point Loma bank robber whose getaway car bore a license plate with his own last name pleaded guilty Nov. 1 to armed bank robbery.

Robert Nathan Alm, 27, admitted he

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eral sentencing guidelines.

Sentencing is set for Feb. 11 before U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Mitchell Dembin. Alm is being held without bail. - Neal Putnam

Liberty Station to fete Convair with new exhibit

The NTC Foundation at Liberty Station is preparing to curate another permanent exhibit honoring Reuben H. Fleet

and the impact contractor Consolidated Aircraft Corp. (later Convair) had on San Diego, its economy and the lives of San Diegans during World War II and beyond.

The exhibit, being installed now at the former Naval Training Center inside the historic NTC Command Center at 2640 Historic Decatur Road, will be the focus of an event Nov. 17 at 10:30 a.m., during which former Consolidated Aircraft employees and their families are asked to bring artifacts and stories from

their experiences with the company. Historian Jennifer Garey will be on hand to view artifacts and record stories for consideration in the exhibit. The NTC Foundation will dedicate a bench in the Sybil. Stockdale Rose Garden in the name of William F. Chana, a test pilot for Consolidated Aircraft and author of the book "Roger, Over & Out,"

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noon tea and featured musicians at All Souls' Episcopal Church will also be a part of the day's festivities.

The diamond jubilee event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Here is a closer look:

• After nearly two years of research and design, a California prairie-style home built in 2007 with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors open the dining space completely, bringing the outdoors in. A collection of vintage toys and children's books are on display and delight the owner's children daily. The frontand backyards were landscaped with low-maintenance, drought-tolerant

• Inspired by the owner's cooking school experience in Tuscany, a mural of the villa in Montefalco will greet visitors as they enter another home. Italian pottery, artwork and artifacts throughout the house contribute to the comed by blue gates that open up to an Italian theme. Of note is the dishware in the dining room commissioned by the owner from Deruta, Italy's center of ceramics. In addition, the home is decorated with the owner's collection of over 100 holiday Santas, lovingly displayed and each with a special story, an eclectic art collection that blends a



At this home on Hugo Street, a newly constructed courtyard and Italian hand sculpted fountain greets visitors to this "Contemporary meets Tuscan" rebuilt home.

beginning with the first Santa given to her as a child from her mother.

· Visitors to a third home are welinfinity pool area featuring a visitor casita and palapa kitchen. The main living area is surrounded by windows and expansive views of the harbor entrance, city and mountains. Competing with the views for your attention is

modern aesthetic with rustic furnishings. Artful ironwork and color palates repeating throughout the house integrate the interior and exterior living

• A newly constructed courtyard and Italian hand-sculpted fountain greet you as you enter a fourth residence, a "Contemporary meets Tuscan" rebuilt home. Architect Larry Pappas transformed the original home into a multilevel spacious residence creating vistas from all the primary living areas by using edge-to-edge glass. Visitors will notice the use of granite, marble, onyx, pebbles and opera glass in the kitchen and bathrooms, along with the use of wood and travertine flooring. Leaving the living room you encounter the enchanting koi pond, with a lush "Staghorn Fern Alley" vying for your attention. Advance tickets for the All Souls' Home Tour are \$25 and are available at All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Blvd.; Walter Andersen Nursery, 3640 Enterprise St.; Mission Hills Nursery, 1525 Fort Stockton Drive; and To the Point Café, 4161 Voltaire St.

Tickets are \$30 on the day of the event and can be purchased at All Souls' Episcopal Church. Funds raised support a variety of ministries locally and overseas. For tickets or information, visit the church, call (619) 223-6394, or visit www.all-souls.com.

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VICTIM

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come to San Diego to kill a police officer who arrested him Oct. 19 on a sexabuse warrant. Later, Hernandez reportedly planned to kidnap an unknown person and burn them to death.

As Barton walked home in the darkness, Hernandez mistook him for a police officer who arrested him in Blythe in May when Garcia reported his possessive behavior and her desire to leave.

Hernandez apparently jumped from the car, ran toward Barton and shot him three times in the head, leaving him in the street to be found later by

In other crimes linked to the couple's crime spree, Hernandez and Garcia wore either jackets or vests with the word "POLICE" on them.

The pair was believed to have robbed and shot an off-duty San Diego police officer at an Escondido ATM hours before the Oct. 29 shooting of Barton. The officer suffered a grazing head wound and has been released from the

After the Barton shooting, the couple is believed to have carjacked a man at the College Grove Shopping Center, robbed several pedestrians, burned three vehicles used during the crimes, and bought a white cargo van in Spring Valley they found on Craigslist.

A multi-agency task force of officers,

arson investigators and forensic technicians worked around the clock to identify the gunman.

By Oct. 30, the day after the Barton shooting, Hernandez had been identified as the suspect and police raided his mother's Escondido apartment where he had been living.

Patrol officers throughout the county were provided with descriptions of Hernandez and Garcia and the van's license-plate number.

The van was spotted outside downtown police headquarters at about 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 31, but peeled away when Hernandez learned they had been spotted.

Ninety minutes later, a patrol officer noticed the van in the Barrio Logan

area and his call for backup brought a quick response. However, before enough officers arrived to conduct a felony traffic stop, Hernandez began swerving wildly before suddenly pulling over on National Avenue.

Hernandez jumped from the van with what appeared to be a high-powered rifle and began firing on three officers. The officers returned fire, killing Hernandez, who was wearing a bulletproof vest. Garcia surrendered and was taken into custody and has pleaded not guilty to numerous charges.

Far from out of the woods, Barton was moved out of the intensive care unit on Nov. 12 after showing signs of improvement.

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tious vision to enhance the coastline that was presented to a board subcommittee last May under the title, "Ocean Beach Waterfront Master Plan."

That plan was hatched by the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association, but has since been handed off to the Ocean Beach Community Development Corporation, the group currently overseeing development of the Ocean Beach Gateway Project, said Tom Perrotti, the OBCDC's new

"It's a bold plan," Perrotti said. "It pretty much covers the entire beachfront of Ocean Beach."

Elements of the waterfront plan received high rankings by the OBPB. The No. 2 priority item, after a new library, is a project to revitalize Veterans Park at the foot of Newport Avenue.

"It's in such disrepair that it's almost an embarrassment to the community," Perrotti said.

Even if the city ultimately agrees to include the waterfront projects on its CIP list, Perrotti doesn't expect the city to pay for all of them.

"We're already putting feelers out for more funding," he said.

Three local projects come from the city's list of CIP needs, meaning the city regards the projects as essential — but not necessarily with any identified funding associated with them: the Ocean Beach library, the lifeguard station and new stairways and walkways at Orchard Avenue and the Old Salt Water Pool.

Once community planning groups weigh in with their rankings, the city's Public Works Department will make an evaluation. Then, the Financial Management Department will confirm the availability of funds. The new mayor would then release a proposed CIP budget in April for fiscal year 2014, according to the city's website.

OUTPOURING

ful for signs of progress after the savage, life-threatening assault on Oct. 29.

Far from out of the woods, Barton was moved out of the intensive care unit on Nov. 12 after showing signs of improvement.

A tidal wave of community support is building for the 2010 graduate of Point Loma High School, washing through the communities of Point Loma, Ocean Beach and Mission Hills, where Barton lived as a youngster.

Members of the Point Loma High community and many alumni did not learn of the crime until Nov. 7 because Barton's family kept his name out of local media reports in the days following the attack.

Medical bills are likely to reach stratospheric heights as medical teams work to produce small daily improvements in Barton's condition, and Barton will require extensive long-term care, according to family members.

"No one ever thinks they are going to need this kind of help," said Point Loma resident Rhonda Pitta, whose son, Alex, is a friend of Barton's. "Will's parents want everyone to know they are so grateful for the community's help."

Injuries like Barton's are known to have a survival rate of about 1 percent. Barton may, however, be that one in a hundred, said Pitta.

"The doctors say it takes a fighter to overcome such grave injuries," Pitta said, "and Will is such a fighter."

Pitta has set up a fund for donations to the Barton family to help offset medical costs. These can be sent to the "Friends of Will Barton Fund" at Chase Bank, 1740 Rosecrans St., San Diego,

Also under way are plans for a benefit taco dinner, set for Thanksgiving weekend on Friday, Nov. 23 at St. Agnes Parish Hall, 1145 Evergreen St. in Point Loma at 6:30 p.m.

"We thought this was a good time for the dinner, since many of Will's friends are going to college in different states and countries and many will be

HOW TO HELP

- To donate money to help the family offset medical costs for Barton: "Friends of Will Barton Fund," Chase Bank, 1740 Rosecrans St., San Diego, 92106
- To donate silent auction or raffle items: contact Rhonda Pitta, 959 Temple St. San Diego, 92106. Questions? Email rpitta@cox.net, or call (619) 248-1607
- To attend the fundraising taco dinner, silent auction: Friday, Nov. 23, 6:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish Hall, 1145 Evergreen St., San Diego, 92106; \$10

home then. They'll have a chance to donate services and items, large gift talk about what happened and support each other," Pitta said.

The cost is \$10, and Pitta said every cent will go toward Barton's medical

"We know Hodad's is supplying all of the meat needed," Pitta said, "and we're working on getting rice, beans and everything else donated as well."

The cooking and preparation will be done by volunteers, including a restaurant chef who has asked to participate,

Needed most by organizers are items for a silent auction and a possible raffle.

Already promised is Charger player memorabilia. Other local sports teams and businesses are being approached, but Pitta also is asking individuals to certificates, stays in vacation properties, recreational packages and other

"There are so many people helping," Pitta said.

Artwork by Barton and his artist parents also will be auctioned.

Community members with auction or raffle donations are asked to contact Pitta at rpitta@cox.net.

Jamie Rosen has been contacting Mission Hills and Hillcrest businesses like Barton's employer for future events, while Erika Gemmill, a classmate of Barton's, has also been busy lining up a surfboard and other items for the auction.

Another major fundraiser in January is now in the planning stage.

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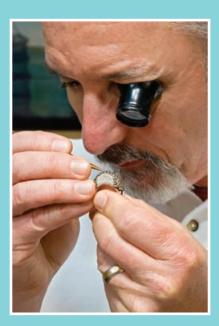
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Pointers crush UC High in first round of CIF playoffs

Win sets up rematch between No. 5 PLHS and No. 4 Lincoln on Nov. 16

By SCOTT HOPKINS I THE BEACON

Point Loma High's Pointers are eagerly awaiting a Nov. 16 quarterfinal CIF football playoff game at Lincoln High after disposing of University City High in a 42-3 first-round mismatch Nov. 9.

Lincoln (6-4) gained the No. 4 seed in Div. III playoffs based largely on its 19-14 victory over the Pointers in a Week 3 non-league match. With the top four (of 12 total) seeds receiving a first-round by by in the playoffs, that meant the No. 5 seed Pointers (8-3) missed out on an opportunity for a week of rest Nov. 9.

The Pointer-Hornet game earlier this season was played at Lincoln's Vic Player Stadium, but the rematch should be very different.

For starters, San Diego was in the midst of a Santa Ana weather condition during the last showdown, and the temperature at kickoff was still hovering near 100 degrees. But the Pointers remember the game for another reason: they committed six turnovers.

"When you put the ball on the ground six times and still only lose by five points, [looking ahead,] we should be alright." Pointer head coach Mike Hastings said. "We just have to play better and not turn it over so much."

Colder fall temperatures and muchimproved ball security may help the Dogs turn the tables on the Hornets.

On Nov. 9, the Pointers were largely unstoppable as they made quick work of the No. 12 seed Centurions at the Centurions' beautiful, well-lit new stadium, dedicated less than two months ago.

After their first possession ended with a missed field goal, the Pointers, using lengthy runs by Dirk Lacy and Jamal Agnew, took the ball to the UC 12, where Sydney Rush covered the final yards to give the Dogs a leg up and 7-0

With their defense struggling in the early going, the Pointers allowed the Centurions to move to the PLHS 3-yard line before digging in. A 25-yard field goal brought the hosts to within four points at 7-3.

The Dogs responded on their next possession early in the second quarter with a 43-yard pass from Branden Martin to Agnew, taking the Pointers to the UC one. On the next play, Martin snuck in for a 14-3 Dog advantage.

The Centurions were able to move again after the kickoff, but Pointer Grant Wilburn intercepted a pass in the end zone to thwart the drive and put the Pointers in the position of taking over on their own 20.

The Pointers cashed in an 80-yard drive when another Martin-Agnew pass caught the Centurion defense napping for a 30-yard touchdown completion and 21-3 Pointer lead at the break.

Midway through the third quarter, the Pointers mounted another 80-yard drive for their fourth score. A long run by Lacy and a first-down scramble by Martin keyed the drive.

The Centurions, clearly struggling

with a 28-3 deficit, elected to attempt a fourth-down conversion from their own 40-yard line. Not only did the Pointer defense hold, but on the Dogs' first offensive play, Martin scrambled 42 yards on a keeper, building the lead to 35-3.

UC went to work again, but Agnew intercepted a pass attempt to kill that

With several backup players in the lineup, Martin led his team to a final score. His 22-vard keeper with just over eight minutes remaining gave the Pointers a 39-point lead, forcing game officials to use a running clock until time

"I think our kids came out tonight firing on all cylinders," Hastings said after the game.

On the night, the Pointers amassed 462 yards of offense, 370 of it on the ground. Lacy had 17 carries for 126 yards, while Martin (six for 87) and Ja'Markus Watkins (five for 67) led a group of eight that included junior varsity runner Romeo Epperley's first varsity carry as time expired.

Martin completed four of six passes for 92 vards.

Defensively, Greg Verdugo (nine tackles) led the Pointers, with big numbers also from Zach Eischen (8), Dan O'Beirne (5) and Tanner Manion, Agnew and Wilburn with four.

Pedro Da Silva registered two sacks and Verdugo had one.



Pointer Jamal Agnew (No. 35) dives into the end zone to score against University City High during the 42-3 Pointer playoff victory Nov. 9 in round one of CIF playoffs. Mark Nou (No. 68), Jake Wambaugh (No. 19) and Dirk Lacy (No. 3) prepare to celebrate.

Photo by Scott Hopkins I The Beacon

MADISON 28, POINT LOMA 14

The Pointers fell short in their league title showdown with Madison on Nov. 2.

Despite rolling up 341 yards of offense, the speed and big pass plays by the Warhawks derailed the Dogs' plans for another league crown.

After stalling a Madison drive at their own two-yard line to open the game, the Pointers yielded touchdowns in the final 70 seconds of both the first and second quarter, going to the break down 14-0.

The Pointers held Warhawk star Pierre Cormier to 78 yards — 85 yards below his season average of 163 yards per game. Madison as a team was held to just 145 vards.

But sophomore Madison quarterback Kareem Coles threw touchdown passes of 33 and 47 yards on a night when he totaled 174 vards.

Lacy led the Dogs with 94 yards on 14 carries, with Agnew and Rush adding 46 each.

Touchdowns were credited to Rush in the third quarter and Eischen, on a pass from Martin, in the fourth. Martin connected on six of 13 throws for 90 yards.

Agnew had a big defensive game with 11 tackles and an interception followed by Tristan Bier (six tackles), Eischen (5) and Jake Virissimo, Arreola and Wilburn

Sea Lions soccer team nets No. 3 seeding in NCCAA regionals

PLNU Sports Roundup

PLNU ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

The Point Loma women's soccer team has been selected as the No. 3 seed in the National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association (NCCAA) West Regional Championships.

Cougar Soccer Complex.

The winner of the PLNU-APU match will then play at No. 1 seed California Baptist on Nov. 17, at 2 p.m. for the NCCAA West Region title. The winner of the region will advance to the NCCAA National Tournament which will be held in Kissimmee, Fla., Nov. 28-Dec. 1.

Point Loma earned the No. 3 seed in the West after posting a 12-4-2 record. The Sea Lions placed third in the The Sea Lions were set to face No. 2 PacWest standings after collecting

Nov. 14. The match took place at the behind fellow NCCAA West Region participants California Baptist (39 points) and Azusa Pacific (36).

PLNU is currently in the transition from NAIA to NCAA Division II and during the next two academic years the Sea Lions are not eligible to participate in NCAA Championship events.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Point Loma men's basketball team got a taste of one of the top teams in the country on Nov. 9 when it fell to No. 3 Alabama Huntsville 58-44 in the season opener for both teams.

Senior Todd Campbell led the Sea Lions with six rebounds, six assists and five points. All five of his points came from the free-throw line.

PLNU put forth a valiant effort on the defensive end to keep itself in the game despite hitting only 28 percent of its shots. The Sea Lions held preseason All-American Jaime Smith to just seven points and 2-of-8 shooting from the field,

Last season Smith was the nation's leader in 3-point percentage after hitting 48.6 percent of his attempts from the perimeter. As a team, PLNU limited UAH to just 3-of-13 shooting from long range.

The Sea Lions got great contributions of the bench to outscore the Chargers' reserves 29-19. Carter Warnock led PLNU in scoring with seven points. Each member of the Sea Lions scored in the contest. Every Sea Lion but one also grabbed a rebound as PLNU lost the rebounding battle by just one (37-36), despite missing 14 more shots. Point Loma was particularly aggressive on the offensive glass, outrebounding UAH 14-9 and outscoring them in second chance points (10-9).

The Point Loma men's basketball team was set to get back in action Nov. 13 when it traveled to Trevecca Nazarene.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Point Loma women's basketball

seed Azusa Pacific in the first round on 29 points (9-3-2). They finished third including 1-of-4 from behind the arc. team had its final tune-up game before the start of the 2012-13 season as it played Vanguard in an exhibition Nov. 8. The Sea Lions fell in the contest 81-52.

> Nyla Bailey returned to the form that earned her All-American honors last season by scoring 21 points and grabbing seven rebounds. She hit 9 of 17 shots from the field and 3 of 4 at the free-throw line.

Savannah Erskins provided the outside shooting by hitting three treys. She scored 11 points and led the team with five assists.

The Sea Lions will open the season Nov. 17 against Biola at 6 p.m. The game will be part of Homecoming weekend for PLNU.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Point Loma's Delaney McCraney posted 24 kills, had 15 digs and had five service aces to lead the Sea Lions to a 25-21, 26-24, 21-25, 25-16 Pacific West

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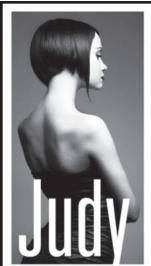
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Pacific Shores raises record funds at annual OB Charity Golf Tourney

The fifth annual Charity Golf Tournament, hosted recently by the Pacific Shores Cocktail Lounge of Ocean Beach, netted a record-setting donation for the event to the San Diego Hospice and The Institute for Palliative Medicine.

The tournament, held at Riverwalk Golf Club in Mission Valley, drew nearly 100 golfers who helped raise \$10,000 in proceeds to support the vision and mission of San Diego Hos-

"We feel very strongly about supporting San Diego Hospice and the services that they offer to thousands of patients and families during one of the most difficult times in life," said Kariann Medina, owner of Pacific Shores Cocktail Lounge. "Several of our staff members, our regular customers and, most recently, my mother and owner of the bar for 60 years, Jean Medina, used San Diego Hospice services in their final days. Through our first-hand experiences, we have a lasting connection and commitment to San Diego Hospice.

"We found that throughout Ocean Beach, San Diego Hospice has touched the lives of many in our community and our golf tournament is a wonderful way to give back to this organization that has helped so many and will continue to help others through the bereavement process," she said.

For the second straight year, proceeds will be designated to support Camp Erin San Diego. The camp is an annual weekend summer camp open to children ages 6-17 who have been

impacted by the death of a loved one.

Thanks to the success of the tournament, which continues to grow in both terms of participants and funds raised, Pacific Shores plans to host it again in 2013.

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Point Loman wins gold at Disabled National Sailing Championships

Point Loma resident Ryan Levinson won first-place overall in the three-person keelboat division at the Disabled National Sailing Championship regatta in late October at the Southwestern Yacht Club. Levinson is a lifelong sailor who suffers from FSH muscular dystrophy, a genetic disorder that causes muscles throughout his body to progressively weaken over time.

There is no known treatment or cure. Levinson is now too weak to raise his arms overhead or do a single sit up, push up or pull up. He has lost muscles in his leg and can no longer stand on his toes, yet Levinson has developed techniques and modified equipment that enable him to continue sailing at a high level, despite his increasing weakness.

Levinson has won national and state championships in triathlon and cycling in the past, but this was his first time competing in the disabled division of a sailing regatta. He is currently preparing his 38foot sailboat Naoma for an extended open-ocean passage to the South Pacific.

As part of that preparation, he recently successfully completed a 22-day, mostlysolo sailing expedition through the channel islands and coastal ports as far north as Point Conception. Levinson keeps his boat at Shelter Island Marina.

At the national championships, Levinson's team included East Coast residents Andrew Fisher and Mike Hersey. The trio dominated the regatta with first-place finishes in six of the eight races, despite facing competition that included a Paralympic silver medalist and a former world champion.

The regatta was sanctioned by US Sailing, the sport's official national governing body, and was hosted by Point Loma's Southwestern Yacht Club. Nearly 50 competitors competed in six classes. Every competitor must first be examined by a designated doctor to confirm the presence of a physical disability severe enough to meet the minimum standards for participation.

"It feels incredible to be able to compete successfully against athletes of this caliber," said Levinson. "Having the regatta here in San Diego made it an especially meaningful victory for me. I'm grateful to US Sailing, the Southwestern Yacht Club and the Challenged Athletes Foundation for their support and for ensuring that sailing is open to everyone regardless of their physical ability."

For more information, visit Levinson's personal website at ryanlevinson.com, or www.southwesternyc.org.

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Conference volleyball win over Holy Names on Nov. 7 in Golden Gymnasi-

The win for the Sea Lions improved their overall record to 10-15 on the season and to 6-9 in the PacWest Division. Holy Names is now 11-14 in 2012 and

is 8-6 in conference play.

PLNU was set to close out its first-ever season in the NCAA Division II conference on Nov. 10 against Dominican.

In addition to McCraney's outstanding numbers, Kelli LeClair added 10 kills and 15 digs, while Natalie Hamill dished 45 assists. Katie Lopez led the Hawks with 11 kills and 14 digs, with Rachel Vartanian adding 10 of each.

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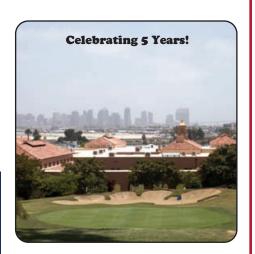
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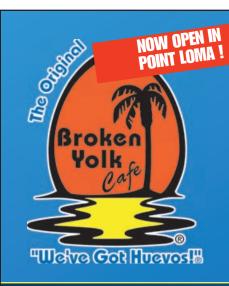


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Styletones' soul to heat up Winston's

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

Although the Styletones are perhaps the hottest soul band playing in San Diego today, fans of any genre of music will find much to admire in this combo. The band has a stellar lineup, including keyboardist Ben Moore, drummer Jake Najor, guitarist Deron Gant and bassist Bill Thomas, topped by one of the finest frontmen to ever call San Diego home, Stevie Harris. Appearing at Winston's Beach Club on Nov. 24, fans of 1970s-style soul, jazz with a beat or just great dance music won't want to miss a second of this dynamic band's set.

Formed in 2009, "it seems like it's been longer, but if feels like it's only been two weeks, too," said Harris amiably. He said the band's sound can be hard to pigeonhole.

"It's that late 1960s, early '70s thing that was truly integrated before soul was black and rock was white," he said. His own style as a singer is easier for him to describe.

"It's a soul shout and a booty shake," Harris said. "In the Styletones, I'm channeling the shaman side of James Brown. It's like Detroit voodoo with a bit of Wilson Pickett, Bobby Byrd and Robert Plant, actually. There's an explosiveness that's required that we all hear in the MC5 and a melodiousness we hear in Al Green or Marvin Gaye."

Though most local music fans consider Harris to have emerged fully formed as The Styletones frontman, he's had a long road getting to this point, in fact.

"I've been playing for 22 years and this band is the first thing I've done where I wasn't also the guitar player," he said.

A graduate of Hoover High School, Harris's first bar gig was at the Spirit Club in 1989.

"It was a show promoted by Calvin Taylor Hit Attraction Productions, opening for Gregory Pages' old band, Baba Yaga," he said. "I was 17 with negro cure hair. I don't remember how it went actually, but I didn't quit."

Harris spent the early 1990s in the group Conglomerate, followed by a stint as an acoustic singer-songwriter. He also spent time with Chula Vista hardcore band House of Suffering, among many other musical projects. Though he said he's had good experiences with both, he prefers being the vocalist with his band.

"Singing is the apex of musicianship 'cause your body is the instrument," he said, "except that there is no string to fret or valve or key to press. Pitch is felt intuitively. You hear it and adjust your wind and muscles — it's the mind body and spirit instrument. You project a vibration, a frequency from your body and vibes control consciousness."

Harris said San Diego is not a soul town, but that's okay.

The band specializes in original music, but has been known to throw in some classic grooves. Just don't expect Top 40 or Motown tracks.

"We do obscure covers by Baby Huey and Black Merder and the like, songs that are 40 years old and are so good, but nobody's ever heard it," Harris said.

The Styletones released their critically acclaimed, self-titled album early in 2012, with plans for a followup already under way.

"We all write songs," Harris said. "We take turns in order, working on so-and-so's song together. We have nine songs written for the next album. We're playing a few out already. It took a long time to do the first album. Knock on wood, this seems to be going faster."

Upcoming plans also include appearing on episodes of a new KPBS program, "Live from the Belly Up," and NBC-TV's "Sound Diego."

The group also has a song in an upcoming episode of the Showtime Channel's "Weeds."

Harris is a veteran of the San Diego club scene and said he considers Win-



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ston's Beach Club's shows to be a homecoming of sorts.

"I've been playing at Winston's since 1990," he said. "I opened for [funk band] Daddy Long Legs there and that changed my life. I cherish Winston's as home base."

He said he considers the Ocean Beach neighborhood to be special.

"I desperately wanna live in OB, but I'm not really beachy," Harris said. "I don't have any shorts or sandals. The vibe is nice though. I go there and walk, and think that area is calming. The fact that so many big shows happen on Newport Avenue is very special. Obecians are lucky."

Harris said he is happy to be making inroads with The Styletones — making music is what thrills him, while fame isn't a concern.

"As far as being known, I just hope I'm known to make people happy," he said.

• The Styletones perform at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24 at Winston's Beach Club, 1921 Bacon St. Cover TBD. 21 and up. www.winstonsob.com



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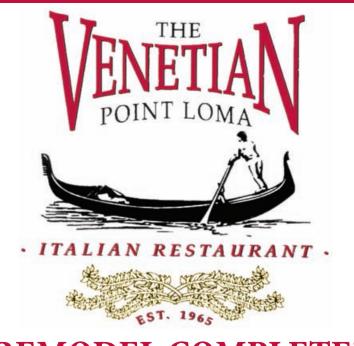
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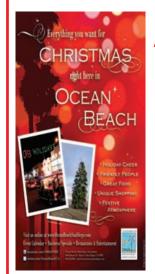


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from 1:30 to 2 p.m. For more information, email sunsetvolleyballclub@gmail.com, or call Ransom at (619) 204-2957 or Thomas at (858) 382-

MONDAY, Nov. 19

- The Ocean Beach Town Council launches its Holiday Food and Toy Donation Drive. Collection boxes will be disbursed throughout the community. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncoun-
- Point Loma Nazarene University's (PLNU) Music Department continues its fall/winter con-

cert series with The Rawlins Trio, featuring Susan Keith Gray on piano, Eunho Kim on violin and Marie-Elaine Gagnon at cello in a dynamic group of performers, teachers and scholars on the faculty of The University of South Dakota Department of Music. The program takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the Crill Performance Hall, 3900 Lomaland Drive. For tickets, call (619) 849-2345, or visit www.pointloma.edu/music.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 21

The Point Loma Peninsula Republican Women's Club monthly meeting takes place at 10 a.m. at the Point Loma Café, 4865 Harbor Drive. Bobby Woods from USO Airport will

speak. A no-host lunch follows and visitors are welcome. For more information, call Marilyn at (619) 222-9532

• Boy Scout Troop 500 of Point Loma invites all previous Troop 500 Eagle Scouts and Scoutmaster alumni to join in an evening of Eagle Scout Court of Honor celebrations from 7 to 8 p.m. at Saint Agnes Parish Hall at the corner of Evergreen Street and Avenida de Portugal in Point Loma. For more information, visit www.troop500.net, or call Scoutmaster Todd Shinohara at (619) 823-9691.

TUESDAY, Nov. 27

Ocean Beach community Christmas tree arrives

in OB as the Town Council's holiday events season begins to hit full stride. For more information. call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 28

Regular meeting of the Naval Base Point Loma's Restoration Advisory Board scheduled for 6 p.m. to discuss relevant issues. The meeting takes place at Southwestern Yacht Club, 2702 Qualtrough St. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (619) 556-0193.

THURSDAY, Nov. 29

- · Local schoolchildren will help decorate the Ocean Beach community Christmas Tree. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.
- · Ocean Beach Town Council hosts its annual OB Tree Auction at Sunshine Company Saloon (21 and older) with exciting auctioneers. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

FRIDAY, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1

The 10th annual Cider Celebration Christmas Show at Point Loma Nazarene University will feature Concert Choir, Extol and Chorale and will climax with a choir of 140. The Concert Choir and Chorale, under the direction of conductor Dr. Dan Jackson, will perform both inspirational and entertaining music throughout the event. Additional performances will include solos, duets and quartets of Christmas favorites. This hour of family entertainment will linclude such songs as "Sing We Now of Christmas," "Joy to the World," "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and many other Christmas favorites accompanied by a live orchestra. Come share some music and a cup of hot apple cider to welcome this holiday season. The program takes place at 6 and 8 p.m. at the Crill Performance Hall, 3900 Lomaland Drive. Tickets are \$9. For ticket information, call (619) 849-2325, or visit www.pointloma.edu/music.

SATURDAY, Dec. 1

- Fun Zone in the Ocean Beach Pier parking lot with music, skateboarding and many other activities from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.
- Ocean Beach Craft Fair, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.
- · Ocean Beach Storefront Decorating Contest judging at dusk. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259.
- · Ocean Beach Christmas Tree Parade at 5:05 p.m. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

SUNDAY, Dec. 2

Point Loma Nazarene University's (PLNU) Music Department continues its fall/winter concert series with "Messiah," now being performed for 60-plus years at the university. Conductor Keith Pedersen brings Handel's "Messiah" to life and is performed by Choral Union and Orchestra. The 160-voice choir consists of PLNU students, faculty, staff and a large number of dedicated community singers and the soloists are PLNU students chosen by audition. The orchestra is anchored by PLNU's string program and augmented by members of the wind program, headed by Philip Tyler and Prof. John Dally respectively, as well as a few professionals as needed. Admission is free. The event takes place at 3 p.m. at Brown Chapel, 3900 Lomaland Drive. For information, visit www.pointloma.edu/music.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 5

Ocean Beach Farmers Market, with singing in the streets and annual Food and Toy Drive. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

FRIDAY, Dec. 7

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Point Loma Nazarene University's (PLNU) Music Department continues its fall/winter concert series with its 12th annual winter concert, led by conductor Philip Tyler, who is a tenured violin professor and orchestra director. The evening will include Gustav Holst "St. Paul's Suite" for string orchestra and Johannes Brahms Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 68. The program takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the Crill Performance Hall, 3900 Lomaland Drive. Admission is free. For more information, call (619) 849-2325, or visit www.pointloma.edu/music.



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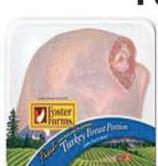




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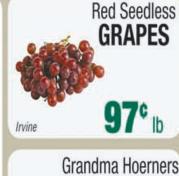




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tadereves.com for more info.

Holiday in the Park

DATE: Saturday, December 15 - All of the museums, stores and restaurants in Old Town San Diego ed. Enjoy special holiday treats, activities and night you will remember.

extended shopping hours, along with strolling carolers on this evening and do some holiday shopping at the same time. Guests will also be able to view gingerbread houses in the merchant shops and enjoy s'mores by the bonfire

62nd Anniversary Las Posadas DATE: Sunday, December 16 - This centuries-

old tradition is being celebrated in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park for the 62nd consecutive year. Please join the Park Merchants Association as they reenact the biblical journey of Mary and Joseph through the town of Bethlehem. The event begins at 2 p.m. with a musical pre-show in the state park, with the live theatrical procession starting promptly at 5 p.m. A piñata party and bonfire follows at 6 p.m. Make this a new State Historic Park will be open and richly decoratholiday tradition for your family. It is sure to be a

DATE: The week between Christmas and New Year's Eve, Dec. 26 through 30 - Winter evenings are a reason to celebrate in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. Join carolers and other performers Fridays and Saturday in December from dusk to 9 p.m. Free s'mores 'round the bonfire are the highlight of the evening.





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Hydrangea still growing strong in popularity

After decades of breeding, most modern cultivars of hydrangea are much more compact and a bit stockier than old fashioned hydrangeas that had long, limber stems that could bend downward from the weight of their own blooms. They stand up to proudly display their modern, vibrant color, even when their billowy blooms get heavy with rain. Yet, even with all their genetic improvements, they should still be pruned properly and annually to promote continued bloom. Without pruning, even modern cultivars can get floppy and lanky.

Because most hydrangeas bloom on stems that developed during the previous year, they should not be pruned too much while dormant through winter. Instead, solitary (generally unbranched) stems that grew from the base last year and bloomed this year should be pruned back to a pair of buds about a foot high as their blooms deteriorate. Even though some blooms continue to develop late into autumn, most are finishing about now. Therefore, pruning stems back while also removing spent blooms gets the pruning done early enough for the side buds to start to grow into secondary

These secondary stems should not get pruned again, even when they go dormant through winter. They do not grow much before winter, but should be mature enough to bloom during the following spring. Thinning these branched stems through winter by cutting some of the smaller stems to the ground should produce fewer but significantly larger blooms, as well as prolong the blooming season. (However, many modern cultivars naturally bloom sporadically after their primary bloom phase until autumn anyway.)

New canes that develop from the ground to replace older branched stems may not bloom their first year, but can be left unpruned through winter to bloom early the next spring, which starts the process over again. Old stems should be cut to the ground after their third year (second bloom season). Leaving a few spent blooms on the plants long enough to dry (as dried flowers) should not interfere too much with proper pruning.

flower of the week: hydrangea Things were simpler decades ago when hydrangeas, Hydrangea macrophylla, were either white or not white. Those that were not white were mostly pink locally because of the alkaline soil of the Santa Clara Valley. Blue hydrangeas where seen where the soil is acidic in the Santa Cruz Mountains, or where the soil was amended to be acidic. (Acidity causes flowers to be blue. Alkalinity causes flowers to be pink.)

Now there are more than five hundred cultivars of hydrangea! Although bloom



color is really determined by pH, many cultivars make better blue shades, and many others make better pink shades. Purple and red have been added to the mix, while white has become less common. After getting pruned low while dormant through winter, most hydrangeas grow about three or four feet tall and broad through summer. Some can get twice as large, while many stay low and compact.

Most hydrangeas have 'mophead' blooms, which are large, round 'panicles' (clusters) of smaller sterile flowers. 'Lacecap' blooms are flat topped panicles with narrow borders of the same small sterile flowers surrounding lacy centers of minute fertile flowers. Hydrangeas bloom from early spring late into autumn.

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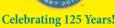
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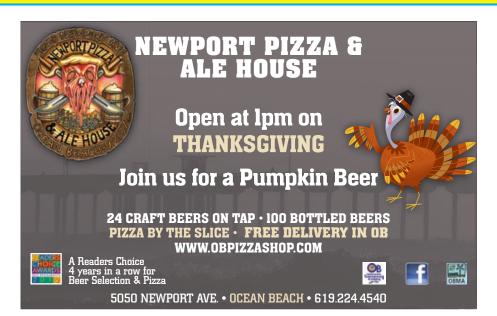
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