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Jake, Westan, Londyn, and Melissa Ward at the Little League World Series in South Williamsport, Pa. Last August, Westan was recuperating after emergency eye surgery and watching the LLWS. This year, the Point Loma family won the 'Swing Big' contest sponsored by Ball Park Buns, which provided them with tickets to watch the California team win the LLWS Championship.

PHOTO BY THE WARD FAMILY/BALL PARK BUNS

## PLNU pastor convicted of favoring same-sex marriage

By NEAL PUTNAM | THE BEACON

**A** Nazarene pastor has lost his credential to preach after a church jury convicted him of supporting same-sex marriage, which is contrary to the Church of the Nazarene manual about human sexuality.

A seven-man, two-woman jury voted 9-0 on Aug. 14 to convict Rev. Selden Dee Kelley III, of being "out of harmony with the Church of the Nazarene's doctrine, teaching, beliefs, and practices,"



Rev. Selden Dee Kelley III

according to the verdict form that cites Nazarene Manual 31.

Kelley, who is in his 60s, has been senior pastor of First Church of the Nazarene for 17 years at Point Loma Nazarene University and is popular on campus.

Kelley said he would file an appeal that goes to another board within the Nazarene denomination at its headquarters in Kansas City.

The verdict form also says Kelley "publicly advocates beliefs that are unorthodox" and that "we require

the surrender of his credential."

Kelley argued for an acquittal, saying his beliefs were not unorthodox. "The manual doesn't require that every thought I hold be in compliance with the doctrines of the Church of the Nazarene," argued Kelley, adding that what he teaches is in harmony with the church.

Dean Nelson, a church board member and journalism professor at PLNU, said the church board

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# Federal grant to help revive San Diego Fishermen's Marketing Association

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

A federal grant will be used to revive a nonprofit, increase local fish purchasing, grow San Diego anglers' percentage of profits, and raise the profile of the local fishing community for years to come.

Plans are underway to revive the San Diego Fishermen's Marketing Association, a nonprofit mostly inactive since 2013.

Thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service as part of its Local Food Promotion Program, the San Diego Fishermen's Working Group and the San Diego Regional Policy and Innovation Center are driving this latest effort with a network of partners.

"San Diego has a long and rich history as a commercial fishing hub. However, like in many coastal areas, these local providers have been forced to compete in global supply chains that value efficiency and low cost over quality and sustainability," said Pete Halmay, director and founder of the Tuna Harbor Dockside Market. "This grant will help us create the support structure needed to unite the fishing community around a shared vision and marketing strategy, setting it up as a critical component of the San Diego food economy for decades."

The San Diego Fishermen's

Working Group is a nonprofit comprised of anglers from the ports of San Diego representing eight major fishing gear types – including trap, dive, net, experimental, albacore bait, longline, deep-set buoy gear, and hook and line – that harvest approximately 65 different species of fish and crustaceans. It will serve as the visionary and partnership lead of the project, bringing the goals of the fishing community to the forefront as the group embarks on a more robust marketing effort.

The San Diego Regional Policy and Innovation Center is a partnership between The San Diego Foundation, the County of San Diego, and the world's leading think tank, The Brookings Institution, to conduct research and policy analysis and help solve the region's biggest problems.

With the federal grant, San Diego Fishermen's Working Group and San Diego Regional Policy and Innovation Center will revive the San Diego Fishermen's Marketing Association as a means for delivering local shared marketing and

launching a robust outreach and engagement effort to consumers, restaurants, and retailers.

Pointing out the marketing association was "still active at a very low level,"

Halmay said anglers approached the San Diego Regional Policy and

Innovation Center to help set up a funding grant to revive the nonprofit to "really put it on the map."

"There are about 150 to 200 commercial fishing boats in San Diego County in Point Loma, San Diego and Mission Bay, and Oceanside, which (collectively) sell about 50 different kinds of fish product," Halmay said adding, "We'd like to expand that because, in order to do business with restaurants, we have to have a good and stable supply of quality fish products."

Driving the effort to revive the marketing association, the San Diego Regional Policy and Innovation Center will support the San Diego Fishermen's Marketing Association's work to strengthen and shorten the region's supply chain to increase local fish purchasing.

The objective is for:

- The fishing community to benefit from increased sales;
- Restaurants and retailers to have better access to fair-priced sustainable fish;
- The public to enjoy healthy, affordable, and local seafood.



Joel Opena and Adam Gargus of Pacific Horizon offload opah at Tuna Harbor in San Diego. COURTESY PHOTO

## GET INVOLVED

Those in the local fishing industry can contact San Diego Fishermen's Marketing Association to be included in a directory of fishermen, providing greater visibility for vendors to make more local sales. Those in the food and restaurant industry can utilize this resource to directly contact fishermen for the freshest catch. Other initiatives are underway that will also be launched soon. For more information, visit [sandiegofishermen.com](http://sandiegofishermen.com).

"This grant is a win for many in San Diego: The fishing community will benefit from increased sales; restaurants and retailers will have better access to sustainable fish at a fair price; and the public will get to enjoy healthy, quality, affordable seafood," noted Susan Guinn, president/CEO of San Diego Regional Policy and Innovation Center.

"A report by California Sea Grant found that only 8% of San Diego's 86 seafood markets consistently carried local fish. With 70 miles of pristine coastline along the Pacific Ocean, San Diego County should be a hub for the local catch, yet the disparity between what is available in markets, restaurants, and our fishing fleet is stark, risking the viability of the local commercial fishing industry as a whole," said Halmay. "The time to forge a path toward increased local purchasing of San Diego-caught fish is now."



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## Glitch in water bills swamps residents with high fees

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

Some Peninsulans are getting an unexpected surprise in their mailboxes: several months worth of water bills all due at once.

And the unprecedented “glitch” seems as wacky as it is unsettling, considering the amounts on some of those delayed water bills, which just stopped coming regularly, are in the hundreds, or even thousands, of dollars.

One recent water billing “victim” is retired Point Loman Don Sevrens.

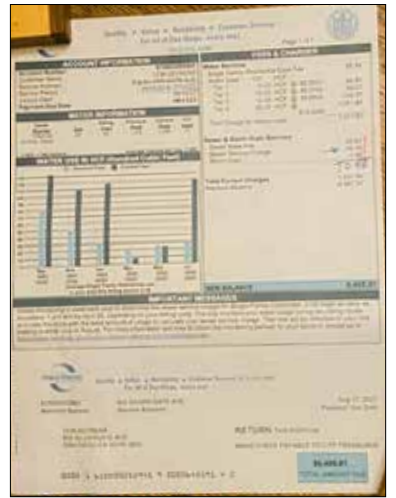
“Six months of water bills arrived on a (recent) Saturday,” said Sevrens, who has a normal-sized Point Loma lot. “We have had problems of non-reading and erratic swings in meter reading. The City installed at my demand, and my cost, an electronic meter. About six months ago it stopped sending bills while it tried to improve its system.”

Sevrens noted he turned off his irrigation completely because of the winter rains. “Imagine my surprise at seeing \$28,000 in bills, all due Aug. 31, 2023,” he said adding his bills, in the amounts of \$1,618.71, \$2,857.2, \$4,380.80, \$4,624.85, \$4,967.97, and \$6,405.91 total about \$25,000. “They all claim to be ‘actual reads,’” noted Sevrens adding, “One bill is for only 98 gallons a day, yet the billing amount is \$4,624.65.”

Elizabeth Courtier, a historic and architectural specialist with Sotheby’s International Realty who works in La Jolla, shares a similar water bill “dilemma” with Sevrens. “I contacted the (City Water) Department a few months ago once I realized that I had not received a bill for quite some time,” she said. “Unfortunately, I pay off paper bills, and so was not aware of the eight-month lapse. After numerous phone calls, an appeal, and lots of money, everything was resolved. But what a mess.”

Sevrens posted this recent warning on Next Door social media: “No water bill? Can you remember the last time you received a water bill from the City? This is not a trick question. The bills normally are sent out every other month but not on the same date. If your account shows astronomical usage, however, the City suspends sending out bills. The resident is supposed to be notified but that is ‘not’ happening. After a year, an unknown number of residents are receiving six bills in one envelope. The total due may exceed \$5,000 or \$6,000. This is the first time they become aware of the problem. So, if you can’t remember and don’t have a check stub showing a payment for a long, long time, be forewarned.”

Arian Collins, City supervising spokesperson, said the Public Utilities Department is in the



process of completely overhauling its outdated customer service system to better serve San Diegans. “Making these changes has not been easy due to the system’s complexity,” he said. “Currently, 90% of our customers are getting their bills on time, and we are working to get that number to 100%.”

Collins noted the City’s billing system is programmed to hold bills that reflect abnormal water usage and/or exceptionally high balances. “This is meant to allow our team to investigate and ensure that we are providing that customer with an accurate bill,” he pointed out. “We don’t want to send our customers bills that are not accurate and that could be resolved before even reaching the customer. Unfortunately, there is a backlog of investigations. So, we aren’t resolving the account concerns and releasing bills as quickly as we would like and as quickly as our customers should expect.”

Added Collins: “The City is finalizing a billing system change so that it will automatically generate a letter to residents when their water bill is being held for investigation. We are always willing to work with our customers. We understand phone and email response times are long, but encourage customers to reach out if they haven’t received a bill.”

Collins said: “While it may seem overwhelming to receive more than one bill all at once, customers can pay off their balance over time with no penalty or interest charged. Any customer who did not timely receive their water utility bill and had a leak during that billing period, can contact the Public Utilities Department at 619-515-3500 and request an adjustment.”

“Since 2019, we’ve implemented changes to address longstanding systemic problems in order to improve billing processes and the quality of service for the 283,000 household and business accounts we serve,” states the City’s website link. “These include adding staff, enhancing training, and providing customers faster and more convenient access to our services with online and phone system improvements and technology upgrades.”

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# Coastal Commission approves Spaces as Places in Coastal Zone

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

On Aug. 10, the California Coastal Commission approved the Spaces as Places regulations, allowing the City of San Diego to start issuing Spaces as Places permits in the Coastal Zone.

Spaces as Places is the City's program to replace the Temporary Outdoor Dining program that was established during COVID-19. The program allows businesses to permit more permanent outdoor dining installations and other community gathering spaces within areas of the public right-of-way and on private property.

But the new outdoor dining regulations come with a caveat: Businesses within the Coastal Zone's Beach Parking Impact Area are now required to replace any parking spaces that are removed or occupied by their Spaces as Places dining area.

The established regulations and the Spaces as Places Information Bulletin offer a menu of options for applicants to permit creative outdoor areas for dining, walking, biking, public art, education, entertainment, and other activities. Enforcement of the new Spaces as Places regulations will begin after Sept. 11.

San Diego Community Newspaper Group held a Q&A with Perette Godwin, the City's communications program coordinator, to discuss what the new Spaces as

Places regulations mean, and how they will be rolled out.

**SDCNG:** *Is the new outdoor dining option and parking replacement requirement a mandatory condition now for coastal businesses?*

**CITY:** It is not a choice of permit types. Temporary Outdoor permits are an expired permit type. A business interested in a Spaces as Places permit can apply. An establishment that obtained a Temporary Outdoor Business Operations permit under the COVID emergency may keep operating as is, while an application for a permit under the newly authorized Spaces as Places regulations is in process. Those with a TOBO permit will receive an email giving them 30 days to apply for Spaces as Places or to remove all encroachments.

**SDCNG:** *Are the Spaces as Places permits a one-time-only thing, or will it need to be renewed annually or periodically?*

**CITY:** Renewed in two years. Right of Way Permits for streetaries in street parking spaces are valid for two years and can be renewed for another two years.

**SDCNG:** *The City will issue a ministerial Coastal Development Permit for locations in the Coastal Zone. How will this be done? Will businesses affected get this outright, or will they need to apply for it?*

**CITY:** Businesses that are located generally between the ocean and the first public roadway will

need to apply for a separate ministerial Coastal Development Permit. This Process 1 (staff level decision) Coastal Development Permit will be processed in the same manner as a new building in the Coastal Zone and will be relatively seamless. The same project application for the Spaces as Places Permit will be used for the Coastal Development Permit. Businesses will not need to take any additional steps for the Coastal Development permit application, except to identify replacement parking.

**SDCNG:** *How will coastal businesses know if they are in violation of the new vehicular parking replacement requirement? How will that be enforced?*

**CITY:** The business should first identify if it is in the Coastal or Beach Impact Zone by reviewing the map on the website, or making an appointment with the City to ascertain this boundary. Businesses that must provide replacement parking spaces will be required to show the new spaces on the plans that are submitted for review as a part of the Spaces as Places application.

**SDCNG:** *How will enforcement of outdoor dining permits in the Coastal Zone be done? SDPD? City Code enforcement?*

**CITY:** The City will respond to complaints as well as take a proactive approach to ensure the regulations are being enforced and that replacement parking has been

provided where required. The City has the list of TOBOs still in operation while processing their Spaces as Places application. Penalties for non-compliance with the City of San Diego's regulations will be issued in accordance with the San Diego Municipal Code Chapter 1 by the Development Services Department's Building and Land Use Enforcement Division.

**SDCNG:** *Will a coastal business with outdoor parking be required to submit to a check by city officials to ensure they have outdoor dining in the public right-of-way and if they have met the vehicular parking replacement requirement? If so, who will perform that inspection of outdoor dining?*

**CITY:** After issuance of a permit the City will inspect to ensure that the work occurred in accordance with the approved plans.

**SDCNG:** *Any idea what areas of town will be enforced first? Will they start at the ocean and work outwards?*

**CITY:** There are approximately 30 TOBOs in the Coastal or Beach Impact Zones that were notified on Aug. 21 to either apply for an SAP permit or remove the private encroachments entirely.

**SDCNG:** *How will enforcement proceed? A notice of violation, then a target date to rectify before a citation is issued?*

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# ‘Lights Out, San Diego’ campaign to help migratory birds



Great egret in flight. PHOTO BY KAREN STRAUS

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

A new “Lights Out, San Diego” campaign by the San Diego Audubon Society is calling on county residents to switch off non-essential lighting at night to help migratory bird species who are threatened by it.

Turns out San Diego County actually has more bird species than anywhere else in the entire United States and is also on the “Pacific Flyway,” a path millions of migratory birds use to fly south in the winter and north in the spring.

“We’re trying to build coalitions and find out what the best option is (to create darker skies) for a variety of reasons, including that, in San Diego, we are on a critical spot on the migratory bird path,” said Andrew Meyer, director of conservation for San Diego Audubon Society. “So many birds

are coming up from the tropics and Mexico using our mountains and coastline to navigate with on the way. And during the migrating season, 125,000 birds fly through San Diego County each night. Our county is rich with migrating birds and they can become confused and disoriented with (too many) lights. So we need to not have lights on that we don’t need.”

Last spring, more than 67 million birds were estimated to have flown across San Diego’s skies. The goal of the Lights Out, San Diego campaign is to ensure that these birds can get to their destinations safely.

The Lights Out, San Diego campaign is encouraging everyone to turn off non-essential lighting from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the migration season to provide darker skies for nocturnal aviary migrants.

For more information on how important San Diego County is to migrating birds, visit dashboard. birdcast.info/region/US-CA-073\.

Basically, light pollution in dense urban areas like Pacific Beach or the Gaslamp Quarter can disrupt migratory bird navigation. This is especially true since more than 80% of birds migrate at night between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

If there are too many lights on, birds can become confused and not know where their critical stops are on their migration. This confusion can also cause a bird to arrive at their destination late, putting them at a disadvantage when it comes to food or mates.

There’s a lot at stake, too. In 2022, nearly one in four breeding birds have been lost in the U.S. and Canada, equaling about 3 billion total birds.

Meyer noted bright lights can inhibit birds’ migratory patterns causing them to “slow down, fly around too long and get exhausted or, most egregiously, crash into buildings that have lights on. So there is a whole suite of lights in our communities that need to be turned off at night, our front porch lights and landscaping lights pointing upwards on buildings that have a detrimental impact on birds during migrating season. So, if you don’t need a light on for security purposes, turn it off at 11 p.m. during migrating season, and we’ll have much darker skies.”

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# Sunset Cliffs Car Show & Grill Master Competition set for Sept. 9

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

Ocean Beach recently hosted a laid-back marathon. Next, the community will try its hand at hosting a laid-back classic car show.

The first Sunset Cliffs Car Show & Grill Master Competition is being held Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the corner of Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Point Loma Boulevard in the church parking lot, as well as in Trinidad Motor's parking lot and in the parking area of Inn at Sunset Cliffs, 1370 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

"The plan is to basically have nice, special cars in parking lots in the Point Loma area to get some exposure to help these local

businesses, and for people to come by and check them out," said Gavin Fleming, hotel manager at Inn at Sunset Cliffs, which is co-hosting the event.

Fleming's been mulling over the car show idea for a decade. "I love cars, and I was trying to figure out a way to get a car show around me," he said noting the Inn at Sunset Cliffs "loves OB, loves being involved, and loves working to get OB community members involved."

There will be cars, trucks, motorcycles, and golf carts on display. A \$1,000 cash prize is being offered for the best show vehicle.

Event sponsors are Inn at Sunset Cliffs, Trinidad Motors, St. Peter's By The Sea, Olive Tree Market

Place, Ulivo, and Ocean Beach MainStreet Association.

There will be food trucks, music, free giveaways, raffles, and ride-alongs in exotic vehicles. For kids entertainment, there will be a balloon artist and airbrush tattoos.

Most of the vehicles shown will be on display only, but a couple may be offered for sale, said Fleming. He hinted that there will be some exciting and exotic cars on exhibit such as a Dodge Viper and a Lamborghini Huracan sports car.

"We will have all sorts of vehicles, 27 hot rods and some other

pretty cool stuff, like a 1979 Chevy Camaro," he said. "We'll have a real unique Porsche, one of five maybe in the whole world. We're offering a very unique opportunity for these cars to be displayed."

For refreshments, there will also be a pizza oven onsite.

If this inaugural event works out, it could become a regular thing. "The long-term goal is to get people out to Point Loma Avenue," Fleming said noting the event is definitely going to be kid-friendly. "We want kids to come by and check out the cool cars including

race cars that are on display," he said.

A bike valet will operate until 4 p.m. The contest winner receives two free nights at the Inn at Sunset Cliffs, a prize package, and bragging rights. There will also be VIP party access for car show owners.

Contestants can claim bragging rights and win prizes in the Master of the Grill Competition from noon to 6 p.m. There are still a few contestant spots open. Call to enter. For more information, call 619-222-7901, or email [kruz@in-natsunsetcliffs.com](mailto:kruz@in-natsunsetcliffs.com).

## HISTORIC HOME

In July, the City's Historical Resources Board designated the home at 2304 Plum St., a one-story Spanish Colonial Revival style home built in 1928, as historic. The Ernest and Ida Cushman Speculation House meets HRB Criterion C, for embodying character-defining features of the style and architectural integrity. The house features an asymmetrical facade; a deep-recessed, arched front entry with a wooden plank-style door; deep-inset wood case-ment windows; a combination of roof forms including flat, hipped, shed, and faux gable; a mission

half-barrel tile roof; decorative rafter tails; and a hand-troweled stucco cladding with sand finish. The designation includes the original garage, but excludes the 2019 pergola structure in the rear yard.

## PLHS ROUND-UP

The 2023 Homecoming Dance will take place Saturday, Sept. 23 from 7-10 p.m. at NOVA SD. Tickets are \$50 or \$35 with a purchase of the ASB card. Tickets are available if you have linked your student ID to your SchoolCash account.

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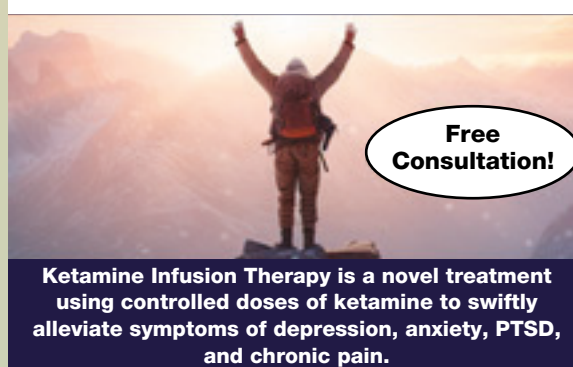
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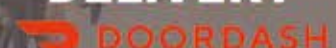
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# California Wild Ales to open facility, tasting room in Midway

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

California Wild Ales, which has an Ocean Beach tasting room, is opening a new multi-faceted production facility and tasting room in the Midway District on Sept. 15 at 3826 Sherman St.

Promoted as San Diego's "Sour House," co-owner Zack Brager talked about the centerpiece of California Wild Ales' new brewing facility. "We have created an inviting and exciting space, one of the main features of which is an 18-foot by 10.5-foot movie screen," he said. "This has got to be one of the largest screens outside of Petco Park. We will be showing live sporting events (Gulls, Padres, NFL games, etc.) as well as live-streaming concerts similar to how we do at our OB location."

Added Brager: "This screen is massive, and I think once people see it, the screen will become a major draw for this location, which will have a bigger focus on events. The space will allow us to be really creative. It's going to be a lot of fun."

This October, for example, Brager said California Wild Ales plans to run horror movies, and even host a podcast from one of its industry colleagues, Kelly Cashman. "Her horror movie podcast, 'B Movie And A Beer,' will do a live episode projected onto our giant screen," said Brager adding, "Get ready for a cinematic roller coaster, as we



The new tasting room at Midway District at 3826 Sherman St. opens on Sept. 15.

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dive headfirst into the zany world of B-Movies, beer in hand."

Concerning days and hours at Sherman Street, Brager noted, "We are taking things slowly as we try to familiarize ourselves with the new neighborhood. We want to get a good understanding of the area before diving into anything too quickly. For now, we are thinking Wednesday-Sunday, noon-8 p.m. Concerts and sporting events at Pechanga Arena will heavily influence our hours of operation. We aim to be the preferred location for pre-event drinks."

Brager said they will host Lego Races at their new facility, where "You will build your car and race it on the same day." He said they'll

also team up with their friend Khoury from Mortarless Bricks to "create some really cool Lego 3D sculptures for our space. We've recycled some of our old styles of reclaimed wood and mirrors through the space, and incorporated them in fun and new ways."

There will also be a small section at California Wild Ales on Sherman for an arcade, starting off with a four-player retro arcade cabinet. "This is one arcade with unlimited retro fun," said Brager noting, "We plan on adding another three machines over the next few months. And to make things even better, we will still have all the fun bar-top games that we made famous at our OB location

– Ring-toss, Landslide, Roller Bowler, Rolo, Washers, and more."

California Wild Ales has also teamed with The Last Typewriter to offer a full menu of delicious food. "We are proud to offer gourmet burgers and fries, fusion-fried chicken, toasted sandwiches, and more," Brager said adding patrons will be able to order their food from their tasting room's wall-mounted tablet, then have the restaurant deliver right to the tasting room.

"It's going to be a fantastic place to catch live games, enjoy a craft beer, and soak up the atmosphere," concluded Bill DeWitt, co-owner and founder of California Wild Ales.

"We're enthusiastic about sharing our innovative brews and creating

## CALIFORNIA WILD ALES

**What:** New brewing facility and tasting room.

**Where:** 3826 Sherman St.

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lasting memories for our patrons." Monica DeWitt, the general manager noted adding, "We've created an inviting and exciting space that's designed for both beer enthusiasts and those looking for a unique, community-oriented experience."

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Peninsula Shepherd Senior Center at 1475 Catalina Blvd., the hub for seniors in Point Loma, enjoyed having preferred parking and near-stage seating at this year's Point Loma Summer Concert Series. PSC is hoping to continue to operate afternoon/evening opportunities for its members to attend, movies, plays, music and other events via its Excursion program allowing members to explore the world outside PSC lounge. For reactions to, and to provide feedback about the Excursion program, call Kathy at 619-223-1640 or email [lisa@sdpsc.org](mailto:lisa@sdpsc.org).

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Senior Center on the Peninsula, providing a place for social activities, clubs, classes, and to connect with others. PSC creates a newsletter, Lamb's Tales, that informs seniors where they can attend other social and educational events in the community. In addition, PSC provides transportation to grocery stores, errands, medical appointments and Sunday church services. Call for information at 619-223-1640.

## SPORTS ARENA WORKSHOP

The Midway Rising informational workshop on Sports Arena redevelopment has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn

Mission Valley/Stadium's Pacific Ballroom at 3805 Murphy Canyon Road. "Members of the Midway Rising team will present on the team's proposal and vision for the site, discuss site access opportunities, highlight the latest ENA milestones and what's next as we close out the calendar year," said Midway Rising spokes person Jeff Meyer.

## OB PIER WORKSHOP

The third Ocean Beach Pier Renewal Project workshop will be Saturday, Sept. 9 from 2-5 p.m. at Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road. City officials will give a presentation on new pier designs at 2 p.m., followed by

a community workshop providing public input. The design team will present three alternatives for a new OB Pier based on previous community input at workshops. The pier redevelopment team is also asking residents to take a survey on what they would like/not like to see in pier redevelopment at [OBPierRenewal.com](http://OBPierRenewal.com).

## PING PONG TOURNAMENT

The third annual Ocean Beach Woman's Club Ping Pong Tournament, "Battle For The Paddle," will be held on Friday, Sept. 29. The club will kick the event off with the national anthem at 6:25 p.m. and then play until the final. It's a 32-player bracket with

a prize for the best player name and trophy's for first and second place. Player sign ups open after Labor Day. They sell out and there is always a wait list. For more information, visit [oceanbeachwomansclub.org](http://oceanbeachwomansclub.org).

## MAUI WILDFIRE RELIEF

Local and family owned, Jimmy's Famous American Tavern, 4990 N. Harbor Drive in The Promenade in Point Loma, has launched a campaign to raise money to support Maui Wildfire relief efforts. The eatery will donate a portion of proceeds from every Mai Tai sold to the relief effort.

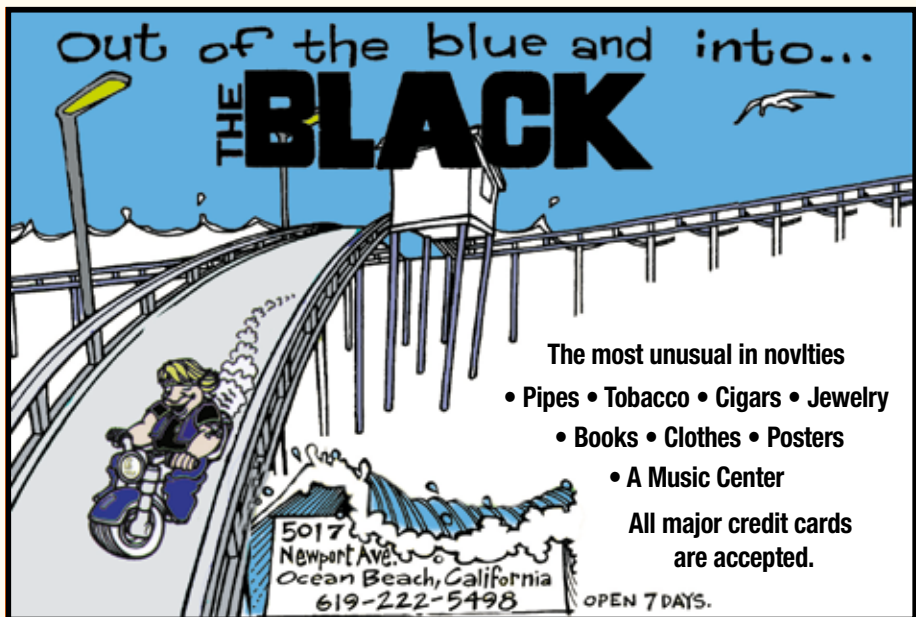
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# Point Loma family wins trip to Little League World Series

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

Loving baseball and watching the Little League World Series last year helped 9-year-old Sunset Cliffs resident Westan Ward recuperate from emergency eye surgery in the hospital.

But Westan and his family never realized that this year they'd end up knocking one out of the park entirely as they entered – and won – a “Swing Big” contest sponsored by Ball Park Buns. That victory gave them all tickets to watch the California team win the LLWS Championship held annually in August in South Williamsport, Pa.

“Ball Park is the official sponsor for all the hot dog and hamburger buns for Little League and they've sponsored the LLWS the last three years,” said Westan's mom Melissa Ward, adding this was the first year Westan signed up for Little League.

Ward said the contest question to be answered was, “Tell us why you deserve to go to the LLWS?”

“So I did (submit a contest application),” she said adding, “I didn't think we were going to win. It was just so great that Westan was recuperating in the hospital a year ago – and now he's healthy enough to do things on his own, like playing in Little League, and not just watching them on TV. It's (LLWS) made a major impact on him; he's made friends and he's gotten a lot better at baseball.”

Ball Park Buns received thousands of contest submissions for “Swing Big,” and after a rigorous review process, Westan's story won out. The youth from Point Loma was deserving after the ordeal he endured last summer, as he was rushed to the emergency room after coming down with a rare type of infection that affects eyesight.

Doctors quickly performed emergency surgery that saved his sight. But it meant weeks of painful recovery at the hospital.

While in the hospital recuperating and being allowed a minimum of movement, Westan's love for baseball grew as he would watch LLWS for hours on end. As soon as he was discharged, the first thing he wanted to do was try out for his local Little League team and now, months later, baseball has become his passion.

“Just playing (baseball) was important because I made a lot of friends and it helped me get better,” said Westan. “It was also important because I got to see kids my age playing at a really high level, so that was really cool. It also helped me to grow.”

Having played in Little League for about a year, Westan prefers to play third base. He added that he considers the sport to be “super hard” at times. But he is working to master the athletic skills necessary to perhaps one day consider making baseball a career. “My biggest strength is that I'm a power hitter,” he noted.

“[Westan's] improved so much from practice and Little League is such a great organization in general,” said Melissa Ward. “And, in our community, parent volunteers put so much of their time into Little League. It really brings the community together and has helped us get to know our neighbors better. Westan's one coach lives one street over (from us). It really helps infuse the community. It makes things really fun.”

Westan said LLWS games were “much” better in-person. “It was different than on TV when you watch it, as it didn't seem like it was as fast, or that they hit it as hard on TV. I was really impressed at how fast they pitch, and how



The Ward family – Londyn, Melissa, Jake, and Westan – at the Ball Park Buns Photobooth in South Williamsport, Pa. PHOTO BY THE WARD FAMILY/BALL PARK BUNS

hard they hit it, in-person. It's really cool.”

Melissa Ward said she and her husband Jake were also impressed seeing the LLWS up close and personal. “Everything was so well put together and we were taken care of so well and everyone was super kind,” she said. “It is just a very family-friendly, positive atmosphere. They had a fun zone for kids and it was a real interactive environment.”

“I like it when people watch me playing. It feels good,” answered Westan about what he enjoys most about playing the sport. “If people aren't watching – what's the point? Whenever you have somebody watching you, it makes you really want to play well.”

Asked if he intends to continue playing baseball, Westan replied: “Oh yeah. I want to keep doing it. Maybe I'll have a career in baseball. That would be fun.”

## LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

The Little League World Series is an annual baseball tournament for youth ages 10 to 12. First held in 1947, the event takes place every August at Howard J. Lamade Stadium and Volunteer Stadium at the Little League headquarters complex in South Williamsport, Pa. Initially, only teams from the United States competed. But the event has since become a worldwide tournament and has gained such popularity that LLWS games are broadcast on ESPN.

The LLWS is one of seven World Series tournaments sponsored by Little League International, in different locations. Each of them brings community teams from different Little League International regions around the world together in baseball (four age divisions) and girls' softball (three age divisions). The LLWS consists of 20 teams: 10 from the United States, and 10 from other countries. The U.S. and international teams play in separate brackets, in a double-elimination format. The winners of each bracket then play each other for the LLWS championship game. Admission to all LLWS games is free. However, stadium seats for the championship game are distributed in a random drawing of all interested parties due to high demand. Lamade Stadium where games are played, holds up to 45,000 spectators.

## Special events at Cymbiotika San Diego Open at Barnes Tennis Center

Tournament officials for the 2023 Cymbiotika San Diego Open Presented by ResMed have announced a full schedule of special events during the WTA 500 tournament, which is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9 through Saturday, Sept. 16 at Barnes Tennis Center, 4490 W Point Loma Blvd. The following special events will take place during the tournament:

Monday, Sept. 11 – Rady Children's Hospital Celebrity Match – The 11:30 a.m. Day Session will feature two WTA singles matches on Stadium Court followed by a celebrity tennis match with two-time Olympic gold medalist Lindsey Jacobellis. ResMed Military Appreciation Night – A special 9-11 Remembrance and Military Salute Color Guard Ceremony will take place on Stadium Court prior to the start of the 5:30 p.m. Evening Session.

Tuesday, Sept. 12 – San Diego Tennis Night Presented by San Diego District Tennis Association – The 5:30 p.m. Evening Session has been designated as San Diego Tennis Night. The Cymbiotika San Diego Open will celebrate San Diego Tennis as the tournament salutes the SDDTA and local clubs in an on-court ceremony following the first WTA singles match.

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# Point Loma whips Mustangs before being bucked by Broncos

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

Point Loma's Pointers did a good job riding Mustangs but ran into difficulty when they tried to saddle up a team of Broncos.

That meant trampling Otay Ranch 42-6 before losing momentum and only putting up seven against Rancho Bernardo in an aggravating 10-7 loss last week.

It was an uncharacteristic performance by the visiting Pointers who held the Broncos in check defensively while a normally potent Pointer offense struggled and special teams were hampered by mistakes. The loss dropped their record to 1-2.

The Pointer defense dogged the sputtering Broncos throughout the game, forcing punt after punt only to have their own offense gain yards but unable to create scoring drives as first downs became difficult and penalties negated some of the team's biggest gains.

In fact, a third-quarter 45-yard touchdown pass from Max Newbegin to a wide-open Brady Allen was called back for an illegal man downfield, a play that would have given the Pointers the win despite their problems.

The Broncos drew first blood after a chain measurement at the Pointer 15-yard line gave them a first down and they scored several plays later for a 7-0 lead with 2:40 left in the first quarter.

The hosts followed later with their game-winning field goal from 41 yards out for a 10-0 lead.

The Pointers answered when Canon Ogden took a handoff from Newbegin and sprinted 14 yards up the middle to give the Pointers their only score of the night with 1:54 left in the first half. Ogden also had a 37-yard run on a reverse play.

A field goal attempt by the Pointers that would have given them a tie failed when it appeared the snap and hold were not accurate.

An online service showed the Pointers out-gaining the Broncos 251-117 yards. The Pointer total included 176 yards passing and 75 yards rushing. A key stat: The Pointers were only 2-11 in third down conversions meaning their drives were repeatedly stopped.

Head coach Joel Allen summed it up best.

"Football is a team sport with three phases – offense, defense, and special team," he said. "We won defense and lost the other two. As a coaching staff, we're always second-guessing ourselves and trying to find ways to get better. Seven points in a game like that is unacceptable. This hurts. It's a game where you can identify some legitimate issues and it's got to change."



Senior Marc Oriol (partially hidden) takes out a Rancho Bernardo defender as teammate Canon Ogden turns upfield against the Broncos during last week's 10-7 Pointer loss.  
SCOTT HOPKINS/PENINSULA BEACON

Senior Ryan Burdine at 5 feet 7 inches tall and 145 pounds is far from the biggest player on the field but he has earned the respect of his peers to become a team captain while playing offense and defense. In this game, he deflected several pass attempts, had an interception (as did Matthew Cleator) and carried the ball on offense.

"I'm just frustrated," Burdine said as his teammates headed to the team bus. "All we can do is look at the film and get better. We'll be back Monday working harder than ever. I know that for sure."

On one play, Burdine was hit hard, knocking him out of bounds and leveling the down marker. His groans were audible but teammates picked him up and he trotted back onto the field.

"I would die for my brothers and I know they would do the same for me," Burdine said. "(Pain is) a minor inconvenience but I can go back on that field. My first thought is 'We need to win this game' and I can get back in there."

That's the Pointer spirit.



Pointer junior Canon Ogden (33) runs through the Rancho Bernardo defense during last week's 10-7 loss. Ogden scored the lone Pointer touchdown in the first half.  
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The Pointers tonight travel to University City on Sept. 8 in an attempt to revenge their two losses to the Centurions last year that cost them both a league and CIF title. The Centurions are currently 0-3 but have scored 103 points in those defeats.

Next week the Pointers face Div. I Mater Dei Catholic in Chula Vista. The Crusaders are currently 0-2 but have played county powers Cathedral Catholic and Carlsbad and will play top-ranked Lincoln before the Pointers.

### EXTRA POINTS

The Pointer JV is 1-2, defeating Otay Ranch (17-14) and losing to Madison (34-8) and Rancho Bernardo (14-9).

The Freshman Pointers are 2-1 with wins over Otay Ranch (36-0) and Rancho Bernardo (19-13) and a loss to Madison (20-0).

The Pointer girls flag football team is off to a 2-0 start with wins over Clairemont (24-6) and Hoover (28-7). Their first away games take them to Mira Mesa on Sept. 5 and Escondido on Sept. 12.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME; CASE NO: 37-2023-00034026-CU-PT-CTL. SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; STREET ADDRESS: Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO: 330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 BRANCH NAME: HALL OF JUSTICE COURTHOUSE . TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner (name):CHAD EVERETTE BULLOCK filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: a. CHAD EVERETTE BULLOCK to proposed name: DRICKS CHAD EVERETTE THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before the court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that indicates the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: 09-26-23 TIME: 8:30 AM DEPT: 61; a. A copy of this Order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county (specify newspaper): LA JOLLA VILLAGE NEWS, AND PENINSULA BEACON. Date: 08/10/23 . JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Michael T. Smyth ISSUE DATES:August 18, 25 ,September 1 & 8, 2023 Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, and the Court not conducting in-person hearings, the following order is made: NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE. The Court will review the documents filed as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause. If all requirements for a name change have been met as of the date specified, and no timely written objection has been received (require at least two court days before the date specified), the petition will be granted without a hearing. One certified copy of the Order Granting the Petition will be mailed to you. If all of the requirements have not been met as of the date specified, the court will mail you a written order with further directions. If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions. If you are a respondent objection to the name change, you must file a written objection at least two court days (excluding weekends and holidays) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED. Do not come to the court on the specified Date, you will be notified by mail by the Court of a future hearing date. Any petition for the Name Change of a minor, that is signed by only one parent, must have this Attachment served along with the Petition and Order to Show Cause on the other, non-signing parent, and proof of service must be filed with the court. IT IS SO ORDERED

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9016437 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. KING FRENCHIE CONNECTION WEST, 5102 LEHRER DR, SAN DIEGO, CA 92107 Is registered by the following: a.KING FRENCHIE CONNECTION WEST This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 08/08/2023 Registrant Name: a. KING FRENCHIE CONNECTION WEST TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/ Corporation Title of Signor SOLOMON FRIESE, CEO The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 8, 2023 ISSUE DATES: August 18, 25 ,September 1 & 8, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9016214 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. INSTITUTE FOR THE UNCONDITIONAL .4443 SANTA CRUZ AVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92107 Is registered by the following: a.MIRIAM LORINDA SIEVERS This business is conducted by: A INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 07/31/2023 Registrant Name: a. MIRIAM LORINDA SIEVERS TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 3, 2023 ISSUE DATES: August 18, 25 ,September 1 & 8, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9016727 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.ANCHOR PET SERVICES, 10759 CARIUTO CT, SAN DIEGO, CA 92124 Is registered by the following: a.JASON MITCHELL HICKS This business is conducted by: A INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a.JASON MITCHELL HICKS TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 14, 2023 ISSUE DATES: August 18, 25 ,September 1 & 8, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9016113 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.JUST BE CHIROPRACTIC, 2209 GARNET AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 Is registered by the following: a.CHRISTINE MOGANNAM This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 07/19/23 Registrant Name: a.CHRISTINE MOGANNAM TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 02, 2023 ISSUE DATES: August 18, 25 ,September 1 & 8, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9016931 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.POWAY STAMP CLUB, 12675 DANIELSON COURT, SUITE 413, POWAY, CA 92064 Is registered by the following: a.WILLIAM KOLB This business is conducted by: UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION-OTHER THAN A PARTNERSHIP The first day of business was: 03/25/2022 Registrant Name: a.WILLIAM KOLB TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 15, 2023 ISSUE DATES: August 25 ,September 1, 8 & 15 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9015980 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.LIFE RIDE NONE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, 10796 CARMEL MOUNTAIN ROAD APT D, SAN DIEGO, CA 92129 Is registered by the following: a.LIFE RIDE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9017034 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.PALATE, 2552 B STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92102 Is registered by the following: a.JOSEPHINE FARMER This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a.JOSEPHINE FARMER TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 17, 2023 ISSUE DATES: August 25 ,September 1, 8 & 15 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9017121 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.SUGA HIGH CAFE b. SUGAR HIGH CAFE c.SUGA HI CAFE d. SUGAR HI CAFE , 5025 NEWPORT AVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92107 Is registered by the following: a.ADM, INC This business is conducted by: CORPORATION The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a.ADM, INC. TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor MELVIN ATALLAH, CEO The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 17, 2023 ISSUE DATES: August 25 ,September 1, 8 & 15 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9017288 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.WISE WORD WIND PRESS, 3319 QUIMBY STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92106 Is registered by the following: a.BENJAMIN RONALD TEETER This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 01/01/2023 Registrant Name: a.BENJAMIN RONALD TEETER TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 21, 2023 ISSUE DATES: August 25 ,September 1, 8 & 15 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9016193 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.SOLUTIONS SOBER LIVING, 4475 MISSION BLVD #224, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 Is registered by the following: a. REX BARRETT This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 08/01/23 Registrant Name: a. REX BARRETT TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 03, 2023 ISSUE DATES: August 25 ,September 1, 8 & 15 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9016390 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.PREMIUM FINANCING PARTNERS b. ANNUITY INCOME & GROWTH PARTNERS, 10505 SORRENTO VALLEY RD, STE 110, SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 Is registered by the following: a. WEALTH FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION The first day of business was: 10/30/2020 Registrant Name: a. WEALTH FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor ARSENIO GRINDULO, PRESIDENT The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 07, 2023 ISSUE DATES: September 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9017106 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.THE PROCESSING CO, 4757 49TH ST, SAN DIEGO, CA 92115 Is registered by the following: a. KATHERINE MUSA This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 8/14/2023 Registrant Name: a. KATHERINE MUSA TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 17, 2023 ISSUE DATES: September 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9016344 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.NIGHTHAWK SOCIAL, 325 W. WASHINGTON ST #2338, SAN DIEGO, CA 92103 Is registered by the following: a. TAYLOR WESTLEY This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 07/09/2023 Registrant Name: a. TAYLOR WESTLEY TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 07, 2023 ISSUE DATES: September 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9017645 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. R & E MOBILE NOTARY, 15844 BROAD OAKS RD, EL CAJON, CA 92021 Is registered by the following: a. RICHARD BLANDING JR This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 08/24/2023 Registrant Name: a.RICHARD BLANDING JR TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 24, 2023 ISSUE DATES: September 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9017645 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. SAKASEGAWA COMMERCIAL CONSULTANTS INC. b.SAKASEGAWA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT c.SCC d. SPM e.PACIFIC CRANE REALTY f. PCR g.PACIFIC CRANE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT h.PCPM, 1050 ROSECRANS STREET, SUITE C, SAN DIEGO, CA 92106 Is registered by the following: a. SAKASEGAWA COMMERCIAL CONSULTANTS INC This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION The first day of business was: 11/2/2005 Registrant Name: a SAKASEGAWA COMMERCIAL CONSULTANTS INC TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/ Corporation Title of Signor JAMES SAKASEGAWA, PRESIDENT The

statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 24, 2023 ISSUE DATES: September 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9015757 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. GROOVIE'S OF CALIFORNIA, 1135 GARNET #11, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 Is registered by the following: a.HENRY M GARVEY III This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a.HENRY M GARVEY III TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JULY 27, 2023 ISSUE DATES: September 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9017792 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. WANDERING WOMAN PRESS b. WANDERING WOMAN ADVENTURES, 1304 DIAMOND ST SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 Is registered by the following: a.MICHELLE SEXTON, ND This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a.MICHELLE SEXTON, ND TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 28, 2023 ISSUE DATES: September 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9017549 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. TEMPLE BARBERSHOP, 6555 BALBOA AVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92111 Is registered by the following: a.TEMPLE MANAGEMENT, LLC This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a.TEMPLE MANAGEMENT, LLC TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor JUSTIN KOMISI WASHINGTON, CEO The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 23, 2023 ISSUE DATES: September 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2023 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 2023-9018043 Fictitious Business Name to be Abandoned: a.FOX COLLEGE FUNDING, 7825 FAY AVENUE SUITE 210, LA JOLLA, CA 92037 . The Fictitious Business name referred to above was filed in San Diego County on: 09/30/2021 and assigned File No. 2021-9021882 Fictitious Business name is being abandoned by: FINANCIAL ALTERNATIVES, INC, 7825 FAY AVENUE SUITE 210, LA JOLLA, CA 92037 This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION . I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) Registrant name: JAMES ALAN FREEMAN, PRESIDENT . Title of officer, if limited liability company/corporation. The statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr., Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 31, 2023 . ISSUE DATES: September 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9017396 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. PARADISE PAYMENT SOLUTIONS, 2156 REED AVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 Is registered by the following: a.WEST ROSE LLC This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a.WEST ROSE LLC TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor ROCKY GROVER, CEO The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: AUGUST 22, 2023 ISSUE DATES: September 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2023

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City to invest \$12.2 million into citywide arts, activities

To promote greater public participation in artistic and cultural activities, the City of San Diego will grant funds to 186 local nonprofit organizations this fiscal year. The funding will support programs and activities such as film and video screenings, exhibits, performances, festivals, parades and other neighborhood events.

“From San Ysidro to Rancho Bernardo, we are investing in our city’s dynamic cultural sector to ensure all San Diegoans have access to meaningful arts experiences,” said Mayor Todd Gloria. “Our annual support of local arts and cultural organizations fosters a stronger economy, creates

more jobs, gives our city a sense of identity and enhances the lives of San Diegans and our visitors from around the world.”

The City’s Commission for Arts and Culture annually funds local nonprofit organizations to cultivate and expand arts and culture activities in all City Council districts. The Commission’s Organization Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) award the funding, which is generated through a local allocation of Transient Occupancy Tax collected from visitors who stay overnight in hotels, motels and other similar accommodations.

The OSP provides general

operating support to nonprofit arts and culture organizations to help deliver programs and activities that offer residents and tourists direct access to arts and culture opportunities. This positively impacts San Diegans’ quality of life and tourism. In fiscal year 2024, which runs from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, the OSP will award more than \$10.1 million to 113 organizations.

While the OSP supports nonprofit organizations, CCSD provides support for neighborhood projects. For the fiscal year 2024, the City’s CCSD will award more than \$2 million to 73 projects.

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Dancers with San Diego Ballet during a performance. PHOTO BY CANELA PHOTOGRAPHY

# National Dance Day to be celebrated at Arts District Liberty Station on Sept. 16

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

National Dance Day is Sept. 16 and local dance organizations in Arts District Liberty Station will be showcasing their talents for the special day and beyond.

The Arts District is home to five local dance organizations – Malashock Dance, San Diego Dance Theater, The Rosin Box Project, San Diego Ballet, and California Ballet School – all sharing this San Diego arts and cultural hub.

The Peninsula Beacon spoke with San Diego Ballet, along with Lisa Johnson, president/CEO of NTC Foundation, which manages the historic Arts District, to find out why dance is so integrally important to San Diego’s artistic and cultural scene.

Matt Carney is executive director of San Diego Ballet, which presents a unique choreographic vision. With the leadership of Javier Velasco, the dance group aims to reignite the passion for ballet with innovative and thought-provoking performances.

“The Dorothea Laub Dance Place building (2650 Truxtun Road) is really the hub for dance in San Diego,” said Carney adding, “This type of facility is really an asset, a leader on the national level. It’s hard to find a facility like this anywhere else.”

San Diego Ballet owns another distinction, that of being one of the original tenants to move into the Arts District when it first opened in 2006. “Only four of those tenants are still there, and three of them are dance companies in the Laub building,” Carney noted adding San Diego Ballet shares the Dance Place venue with other dance companies, and that there are no conflicts in sharing space.

Carney pointed out Arts District dance caters to all ages

## ARTS DISTRICT LIBERTY STATION DANCE INSTITUTIONS

**Malashock Dance:** believes that dance is a universal art form accessible to all. Malashock serves as a creative hub for artists to develop their dancing skills, providing them with a tool for life-long learning.

**San Diego Dance Theater:** Under the creative guidance of executive artistic director Terry Wilson, San Diego Dance Theater is dedicated to offering top-notch dance training for students of all ages and backgrounds. With a strong commitment to inclusivity, the organization strives to enrich the lives of young students using dance as a creative avenue of artistic self-expression.

**The Rosin Box Project:** is a premier contemporary ballet company with the mission to re-imagine the way artists and audiences connect with and experience dance. The organization encourages young dancers to explore artistic growth and exploration, fostering a nurturing environment where classical and contemporary professional dance artists can amplify their voices.

**California Ballet School:** Led by Maxine Mahon, the school offers a comprehensive curriculum, including classical ballet, jazz, tap, Spanish dancing, and workshops, catering to both young students and adults seeking exceptional dance training.

and styles, both contemporary and modern, including some more exotic forms like martial arts and flamenco – even belly dancing.

“This is not just an art form,” he said. “It is also a creative economy and a place where people continue to engage in the art form (dance) throughout their whole life.”

Noting San Diego Ballet is both “a professional ballet company and a school,” Carney added, “No matter what your age or ability, you can participate in dance and perform. Dance is a silent, non-verbal art form, able to evoke emotions and create impact in a way that’s unique. And you can feel it even from your seat in the audience.”

Johnson noted dance has always been “a really big deal” since its inception. “We are home to a variety of different kinds of dance, and movement, and the Dorothea Laub Dance Place is a really great story,” she said noting the Point Loma philanthropist “donated a very large gift to us, and we commemorated her gift by putting her name on a building. It’s appropriate because she’s (Laub’s) a dancer and she takes classes in the Dance Place.”

Of the Dance Place, Johnson said, “We have four dance companies headquartered there in that building and they all get along, collaborate and coordinate together and support one another.”

Best of all said Johnson, the four dance companies all have widespread appeal. “Our companies, first and foremost dance and perform, and not just here in San Diego but take it elsewhere to smaller communities throughout the country,” Johnson said adding the Arts District presently has over 100 tenants occupying 114 spaces, which includes a fair amount of nonprofits.

“I have over 35 nonprofits in my tenant makeup including artists, painters, jewelers, ceramicists, and musicians,” Johnson said noting the tenant mix also includes restaurants, museums, and art galleries.

Of dance, Johnson noted: “We think of it as being on the same plane as the other arts. We want people to recognize that when they come to the Arts District, it’s an opportunity to experience all kinds of art, as well as some things they didn’t expect or anticipate. That’s what makes us unique.”



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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Information

5. Seaport (abbr.)

8. Agricultural disease (abbr.)

11. Riding horses

13. Boxing's GOAT

14. Hurt or discomfort

15. A small sharp knife to trim vegetables

16. A beaver builds one

17. Horizontal passage into a mine

18. Self-immolation by fire rituals

20. Chain bar with lots of games
- (abbr.)

21. Goo Goo Dolls' hit

22. Agreeable

25. In an early way

30. In a way, struck

31. It's there in the morning

32. County in the S. Pacific

33. Central Florida city

38. Numbers cruncher

41. Mexican beers

43. Lawyers say you can indict one

45. Capital of South Australia

47. Wings
49. Drug used to treat HIV/AIDS

50. Fencing sword

55. Capital of Qatar

56. Portable bed

57. Afflicted

59. Lying down

60. Midway between NE and E

61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

62. Inflamed

63. Soviet Socialist Republic

64. Impudence

### CLUES DOWN

1. A way to fish

2. Greek mythological figure

3. Scarlett's home

4. Assist

5. More doleful

6. Premeditated

7. Dish featuring minced food

8. San Diego ballplayer

9. Eight

10. Unwelcoming picnic guests

12. Human gene

14. Bucket

19. Make full
23. Dirt

24. Person cited as ideal example

25. A part of (abbr.)

26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

27. Very long period of time

28. Gas usage measurement

29. North American native people

34. It says "moo"

35. Folk singer Di Franco

36. Resinlike substance of certain insects

37. Residue

39. Grand homes
40. Popinjays

41. Man who behaves dishonorably

42. Figures

44. One who watches over children

45. Expressed pleasure

46. No longer living

47. Hebrew calendar month

48. Part of the ear

51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice

53. Italian Island

54. Resist authority (slang)

58. Criticize

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supports Kelley 100% and voted to continue his salary while on appeal.

Nelson said the board voted to continue allowing him and his wife to live in the Nazarene parsonage in Point Loma so they would not have to move out immediately. "For now, we wanted to make sure he was cared for," said Nelson.

"All he did was ask for better dialogue on the topic of same-sex marriage," said Nelson. "It's been an outrageous several months. Classic fear and witch-hunt stuff. Shameful.

"This could have been avoided by having some grown-up discussion that would have been difficult, but healthy," said Nelson. "Did we do that? Nope. The church hierarchy chose to draw the curtains around themselves and hope the problems would go away.

"This was a colossal failure of imagination. Both the Old and New Testaments say over and over, 'Fear not.' But the church chose fear," said Nelson.

The trial, which was held at the Holiday Inn in Point Loma, began Aug. 11 and lasted two days. Kelley represented himself and pleaded not guilty. Approximately 60 supporters of Kelley accompanied him and his wife to the conference room where it was held.

Section 31 of the Nazarene manual reads: "God's intention for our sexuality is to be lived out in the covenantal union between one woman and one man. We believe the practice of same-sex intimacy is contrary to God's will for human sexuality.

"While a person's homosexual or bi-sexual attraction may have complex and differing origins, and the implication of this call to sexual purity is costly, we believe the grace of God is sufficient for such a calling," states Section 31.

Section 31 suggests that LGBTQ Christians should follow a calling to abstain from sex for life, even if they are married to a same-sex partner if they want to be a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

No witnesses were called to testify except for Kelley speaking for himself. The key piece of evidence was a three-page essay Kelley wrote in the book, "Why the Church of the Nazarene Should be Fully LGBTQ+ Affirming."

That book was published in April and was edited by Nazarene theologian Thomas Oord and his daughter Alexa Oord. It contained essays from 90 people who wrote about observations of being rejected from the Church of the Nazarene because of being LGBTQ.

Some of the essays were also written by pastors or instructors from other Nazarene colleges. Some had different interpretations of the story of Sodom and Gomorrah and other Bible verses. No other author in this book has been charged by the church so far.

Kelley, whose essay was titled "A Hope for Change," wrote he realized he could not perform same-sex marriages or even hold same-sex receptions in a Nazarene church.

"When two people love one another and want to make the world a better place by living out that love in lifetime union with one another... I find it irrational and unscriptural to turn them away," wrote Kelley.

"There are certainly many same-sex couples who are doing more to create a just and loving world than I am," wrote Kelley.

"I am not asking that everyone (or anyone) within the church agree with me on my understanding of scripture, just that there be room in the church for those of us who are passionate about the sacredness of scripture but land in a different place in our interpretations," wrote Kelley.

"One of the primary reasons for writing this brief essay is to encourage further dialogue among the clergy concerning

LGBTQIA+ issues," wrote Kelley.

Reaction to the verdict was furious with people posting on Facebook and elsewhere.

"The church violated their own rules in an effort to silence a movement and a pastor who just asked for a dialogue," wrote Michelle Knotts Gill, who described it as "a kangaroo court."

"The church has sinned against this pastor and more broadly against our queer siblings," added Knotts Gill.

"These people absolutely hung him out to dry every step of the way," wrote Craig Keen, a retired theology professor, calling Kelley "a martyr."

"As a third-generation Nazarene whose dad was a pastor, this all makes me physically sick. This is so wrong on so many levels," wrote a woman named Becky.

"I am aghast, ashamed, inflamed, and riddled with a massive sense of protestive injustice at the most recent situation with Pastor Dee," wrote Lionel Yetter, a Nazarene minister's son who attended PLNU in the 1970s.

Yetter posted an image of Nazarene founder Phineas F. Bresee on a website, and put the words, "You brood of vipers" coming from him.

A PLNU faculty member, who asked not to be identified, said "A culture of fear" has arisen as a result of this prosecution of Pastor Kelley. People are afraid of being fired, he said.

One retired pastor said Kelley simply challenged other pastors' positions on same-sex marriage too much and they didn't like it. There were two signed complaints of other pastors entered into the trial record, and Kelley said he had never spoken with one of them and had never discussed this topic with the other.

Two PLNU faculty members in 2023 were allegedly fired because they affirmed the LGBTQ community, according to Lauren Cazares, the founder of the Loma LGBTQIA+ Alumni & Allies Coalition, in a press release.

PLNU disputes that allegation the professors were terminated for that reason and will not say why they are no longer teaching because it is a personnel matter and private.

Melissa Tucker graduated from PLNU and earned her master's degree at PLNU before she was hired as an instructor in 2015.

Tucker left in January 2023 and accepted a pastoral position at the Normal Heights United Methodist Church. She previously worked with Kelley at First Church.

Also dismissed was Dr. Mark Maddix, a theology professor, whose last day of teaching was on March 15.

Maddix sent out some emails in support of Tucker, which drew the wrath of the academic dean for "insubordination" and communicating with other faculty members about a personnel matter, according to a press release by Cazares.

The academic dean also denied firing Maddix in an interview with The Point, the college newspaper and insisted that Maddix was only suspended.

Maddix hired an attorney, but no lawsuit against the university as of Aug. 25 has yet to be processed in San Diego Superior Court records. Maddix himself says he was fired.

Kelley faced controversy before in 2011 when Todd Clayton, then 21, was the elected student chaplain and he spoke at First Church in a press conference when he came out of the closet.

This had never occurred before at the conservative university in which someone in the elected student body announced they were gay. There was a lot of controversy. Kelley allowed Clayton to hold the press conference at First Church because there was more room.

Student conduct rules specify that all students must be celibate.





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