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YEAR IN REVIEW – Centennial celebration at Liberty Station, new businesses opened, Sunset Cliffs restoration, and the continuing saga of the OB Pier

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The Peninsula communities of Ocean Beach, Point Loma, and Midway experienced growing pains as their neighborhoods continued to evolve and adapt to constantly changing times.

A task force was created to re-imagine how OB Pier could be repaired or replaced. City and County governments grappled with rising homelessness, banning encampments, and increasing shelter space. There also was an ongoing affordable housing crisis, and rents remained sky-high. And, there was public pushback on land-use issues like higher densities, height limits, and building more housing near transit stations.

JANUARY

NEW LAWS

Hundreds of law changes in 2023 affected everything from protecting abortion and the rights of transgender individuals to legalizing jaywalking and banning the sale and manufacture of new fur clothing and accessories.

SPACES AS PLACES

Merchants were scrambling to comply with a new California Coastal Commission amendment



A scenic spot in the Hillside Park area south of Ladera Street and above Garbage Beach at Sunset Cliffs. A conversation is ensuing over the effectiveness – or ineffectiveness – of ongoing drainage and other improvements, like native plant re-introduction, at scenic Sunset Cliffs Natural Park. THOMAS MELVILLE/PENINSULA BEACON

to the City's Spaces as Places, requiring beach businesses to replace displaced vehicular parking.

"Private cars and street parking are still the primary means by which the general public accesses the shoreline," ruled the CCC. "Measures that limit coastal access for people who are not within walking distance disproportionately impact lower-income communities. Therefore, projects to remove parking in beach areas must replace that parking elsewhere."

OB PIER REPLACEMENT

It was full speed ahead on initial planning to replace the aging Ocean Beach Pier determined to have outlived its useful service life. "The mayor has formed a task force to design usable public space areas on a new pier," said OB Pier Task Force member Mark Winkie.

OTC REDEVELOPMENT

Over 100 companies expressed interest in submitting their Statement of Qualifications in hopes of being selected as the

master developer for revitalizing the Naval Base Point Loma Old Town Campus. The redevelopment would expand the housing infrastructure and possibly add a public transit station.

OBMA AWARDS

Recipients at Ocean Beach MainStreet's annual awards celebration on Jan. 26 included Tony Cohen for supporting graffiti abatement; OB Hardware for their updated storefront; OB Business Center for spearheading the revitalization of the OB Mall; California Wild Ales for actively promoting OB; Craig Gerwig, Ken Moss, and Michele Amsterdam named as volunteers of the year; and Steve Rowell for contributing to Ocean Beach's history through photography.

DRONES REPLACE FIREWORKS

Luminosity, the nonprofit formed in 2022 to find a viable alternative to Fourth of July fireworks in Ocean Beach, announced it was in final negotiations with a drone company.

MARKET REVAMP

Formerly Apple Tree Market, Krisp Beverages and Natural Foods at 4976 Newport Ave. updated its look and contemporary feel,

changing its name and branding and making numerous improvements including adding a full deli.

FEBRUARY

PALM CHALLENGE THWARTED

A lawsuit against the City challenging the cutting down of palm trees on Newport Avenue considered a possible threat to incoming aircraft was dismissed in court as "frivolous."

PLNU TRACK USAGE

Point Loma Nazarene University alum Jimmie Presley, who had been running on the university's track since COVID, questioned the university's revising of a decades-long policy allowing unrestricted public access to its track. "Outside businesses and private trainers were taking advantage of the track and interfering with our athletic team training," responded university spokesperson Lora Fleming.

WILDLIFE BABY SHOWER

San Diego Humane Society geared up for one of its busiest times of the year, baby wildlife season, holding a virtual baby shower to fund its Project Wildlife

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program. Each spring, Project Wildlife takes in thousands of injured and orphaned baby wildlife – and needs the community's help to give them a second chance.

SUSTAINABLE ENTREPRENEUR

In 2018, Point Loma entrepreneur Jared Koett founded a start-up biodegradable pill bottle company. Four years later, that initial offering had evolved into Invert, a cutting-edge company providing sustainable alternatives to replace traditional plastic packaging.

OB CITY TACOS

City Tacos' owner Gerry Torres planned to expand into the space formerly inhabited by Tiki Port at Voltaire and Cable streets.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNSUPPORTED

In February, Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group bristled at City plans to turn a Midway Ramada Inn into permanent supportive housing, claiming their neighborhood is being deluged by homeless projects.

MIDWAY RISING

On Feb. 8, Midway Rising, the team granted exclusive negotiating rights by the City to re-imagine what the 48-acre former Sports Arena site can be, held a workshop with stations where the public could ask questions of technical experts engaged in the sports arena's redevelopment.

PRICKLE IN PENINSULA

Thanks to Canadian transplant Blair Braz, Peninsulans can have their cake and eat it too as she opened up her new bakeshop next to Stump's Family Marketplace at 3772 Voltaire St.

COASTAL BLOSSOMING

Coastal Sage Gardening in Ocean Beach progressed beyond being just a drought-tolerant and native landscaper, adding botany education and community beautification to its mix.

CAP PROGRESSES

San Diego joined the rest of the nation and world in shifting away



Point Loma High's boys soccer team and coaches are all smiles following a 3-0 win over Sweetwater High for the CIF Div. I championship played at Torrey Pines High. PLHS principal Kelly Lowry is at left, and athletic director Manny Diaz Jr. at right.

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from dependence on oil, natural gas, and other fossil fuels to the accelerated use of renewable energy. The City's updated Climate Action Plan now calls for eliminating nearly all natural gas use from buildings in the city by 2035, as well as slashing 90 percent of natural gas use in existing buildings within the city's limits in the next 13 years.

PLNU'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Point Loma Nazarene University welcomed more than 800 alumni and friends back for 2023's homecoming festivities on Feb. 17-18, marking the 50th anniversary of PLNU's move from Pasadena to San Diego.

MARCH

PLHS CHAMPS

The Pointer boys soccer team went on to win CIF's Southern California Div. III Regional championship exactly one week after winning the San Diego Section Div. I title.

NEW THESPIAN SOCIETY

Theater was resurrected at Point Loma High School as students banded together to form the Point Loma High School Thespian Society spearheaded by student president Emma Nickel. Their first production, "Inherit The Wind," was held in the campus theater.

IN-PERSON MEETINGS

California's COVID-19 State of Emergency lapsed on Feb. 28 and community planning groups were now being required by the Brown Act to begin meeting in-person only.

ST. PADDY'S O'BEACH

The inaugural St. Paddy's

O'Beach Party in 2022 was so successful, that the second annual event in 2023 was expanded into a two-day Irish-themed festival arranged by the producers of Oktoberfest.

PLNU CONTROVERSY

Point Loma Nazarene University's LGBTQIA+ community cried foul after March 15 when PLNU dean Dr. Mark Maddix was fired by Kerry Fulcher, the provost and chief academic officer, allegedly because he supported former adjunct professor and minister Melissa Tucker, who'd been told she wouldn't be rehired as a professor because of her public support for the LGBTQIA+ community.

BIDEN IN POINT LOMA

On March 13, President Joe Biden visited San Diego regarding the partnership with the U.K. and Australia on an 18-month-old nuclear submarine deal named AUKUS — for Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The meeting took place at Naval Base Point Loma.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Liberty Station's Arts District joined in honoring the many great accomplishments of women via showcasing the work of women who account for more than half of the artists exhibiting their talents there at more than 30 art galleries, working artist studios, and businesses.

LONGTIME REALTOR

Rosamaria Acuña, a top-producing Realtor and recognized Point Loma community leader, marked her 35th year in the real estate business

APRIL

OB HAT CONTEST

Ocean Beach Woman's Club presented its third annual fundraising Hat Contest at Dirty Birds on April 6. Men were also invited and encouraged to compete.

OB PIER COST

At the first OB Pier Replacement workshop on April 1, Mayor Todd Gloria said "Our preliminary reviews are talking about a project that would be north of \$40 million and as much as \$100 million," when asked about the cost of replacing OB's iconic, aging pier.

CELL PHONE ANTENNA

Rock Church in Point Loma's



Construction has started on a new hiking trail from the upper bluff down to the tidepools at Cabrillo National Monument. The new trail is expected to open in late 2023.

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decision to allow a T-Mobile cell phone antenna on its campus building alarmed some parents concerned about their children's safety.

MIDWAY FLOAT SPA

Stardust Float Spa and Wellness Center at 3589 Midway Drive in the old Hollywood Tans building opened offering float therapy, massage, and skincare.

BRIDGE OPENING

Mayor Gloria was joined at West Mission Bay Drive Bridge on April 4 by Rep. Scott Peters (D-San Diego) to officially open the new \$148 million bridge replacing the existing four-lane bridge, built in 1950.

ROBB FIELD PLANNING

With the City updating planning for Robb Athletic Field, the park's largest users – Peninsula Tennis Club, Peninsula Youth Softball Association, and Albion Soccer Club – joined to encourage pursuing a broad vision addressing the park's short- and long-term needs. The priorities for the park included community-friendly lighting; safer playing surfaces; hospitable restrooms; and paved parking.

CANCER FUNDRAISER

Point Loman Mandy Havlik started a fundraising drive benefiting critical cancer support programs at the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Rady Children's Hospital-San Diego.

STVR ENFORCEMENT

Some coastal civic leaders and citizens argued enforcement regulations in the City's new Short-Term Residential Ordinance, which took effect May 1, are flawed. That message came across repeatedly during a 90-minute STRO Zoom enforcement community briefing presented by the City's Development Services Department Code Enforcement Division (now called BLUE).

MAY

OB AMBASSADORS

Ocean Beach MainStreet Association and Ocean Beach Town Council together sought volunteer ambassadors for their new Downtown Ocean Beach Ambassador program. Volunteers were to stroll OB's downtown business district to welcome visitors, as well as provide them with information to help them explore the town.

MURAL DEDICATION

One of the highlights of the 75th-anniversary celebration of the United Portuguese S.E.S. in Point Loma on April 15 was the dedication of an outdoor mural painted by Jack Stricker and Austin Gossweiler.

PLHS HOF

Point Loma High School's Hall of Fame with 21 previous



The annual Festa do Espirito Santo parade and party brings out the Point Loma Portuguese community to gather and celebrate their religious and cultural traditions.
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members was revived with three new inductees in the Class of 2023. Inductees included Peninsula Beacon writer and retired teacher Scott Hopkins, along with artist and sculptor Richard Arnold and A. Lee Brown, author, professor, scientist, lifeguard, and surfer.

FESTA DO ESPIRITO SANTO

The 113th Festival of the Holy Spirit honoring Portuguese religious and cultural traditions was held the weekend of May 26-28 in Point Loma, culminating with the annual Festa parade on Sunday, May 28.

MONUMENT TRAIL

Major improvements at Cabrillo National Monument were announced to include construction on a new trail linking it with its tidepools, and work scheduled on the monument's visitor center.

KITE FESTIVAL

On May 20, OB Kiwanis held its annual family-friendly kite festival offering games for kids in all age groups including food trucks, a craft fair with vendors, and community information booths.

MURDER CONVICTION

After two days of deliberations, a jury convicted a woman on May 26 of second-degree murder in the drowning death of her passenger after she crashed her parents' BMW through a guardrail on Sea World Drive while driving drunk.

JUNE

FARMERS MARKET

Brady Farmer, a local chef, and president of the nonprofit Devoted to Youth Foundation, planned to open a weekly Point Loma farmers market at Point Loma High School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday starting on June 4.

DRONE LAUNCHING SITE

Ocean Beach Elementary School was selected as the venue for the upcoming Fourth of July Drone Light Show, launching 300 drones from the school premises for the performance.

ARTS LEADER RETIRES

Longtime San Diego arts leader Alan Ziter announced that after 43 years of advancing and promoting arts and culture, he would be retiring in June from his current leadership role at the NTC Foundation to travel and do community service.

HOMELESS CAMPING BAN

The City Council passed an ordinance banning most tent encampments in public spaces if shelter beds are available nearby. The new ordinance bars encampments at all times in certain areas including parks, canyons, and waterways, as well as near schools and homeless shelters, and transit stations regardless of shelter capacity.

CENTENNIAL KICK-OFF

Liberty Station launched an



Liberty Station will open the ship's doors to the public on Saturdays and Sundays. The exhibit will feature images of the USS Recruit's construction, recruits training on the ship, architectural renderings, and NTC alumni videos. This photo of the USS Recruit's historic commission day is featured within the exhibit on the ship.

exhibit inside the historic USS Recruit naval ship to kick off the 100-year celebration of the Naval Training Center's 1923 opening.

JUNE GLOOMY

Known as May gray and June gloom, the marine layer annually descended like a curtain along San Diego's coast this time of year was intense in 2023 lasting longer than usual. "We've had more cloudy days and had less solar radiation than most Mays," said meteorologist Brandt Maxwell.

OB STREET FAIR

The 43rd annual OB Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off took place on Saturday, June 24. One of San Diego's most beloved traditions, the Street Fair draws upwards of 50,000 people to the beach community to enjoy three stages with music from 18 performers, an Artists Alley, the Chili Cook-Off, a beachside beer garden, and a community mural.

NAUTICAL MUSEUM

Located in the historic Dick Laub NTC Command Center in

Arts District Liberty Station, the 800-square-foot Nautical History Gallery and Museum is curated by military veteran Joe Frangiosa Jr.

SURFING HOF

Thirteen individuals and two organizations joined the ranks of local surfing royalty during a San Diego Surfing Hall of Fame induction ceremony at San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club. The Class of 2023 included Bill Bahne, Tim Bessell, Joey Buran, Pat Curren (in memoriam), Mike Diffenderfer (in memoriam), Jeff Divine, Don Hansen, Dempsey Holder (in memoriam), Richard Kenvin, Julie Klein, Taylor Knox, Don Okey (in memoriam), Hank Warner, Pacific Beach Surf Club, and Pacific Beach Surf Shop.

STVR LOOPHOLE

Turns out the City's new Short-Term Rental Ordinance contained an exploitable "loophole" that some landlords were taking advantage of, including one in Ocean Beach with a landlord owning numerous

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JULY

SUCCESSFUL DRONE SHOW

A display of aerial artistry unfolded above Ocean Beach Elementary School on July 4, as a fleet of 300 drones took flight in the inaugural Ocean Beach Fourth of July Drone Light Show, with an accompanying soundtrack. The spectacle captivated onlookers for 12 minutes with its patriotic designs and iconic formations, paying homage to the community.

VVSD STAND DOWN

Veterans Village of San Diego held its annual Stand Down event – a three-day encampment put together to help homeless veterans and those at risk of homelessness – from July 20-22 at Pechanga Arena.

SUMMER CONCERTS

The long-running free Point Loma Summer Concerts series continued on Fridays from July 14 through Aug. 11 with a different theme each week. Attendees listened to performances at Point Loma Park, 1049 Catalina Blvd.

SUNSET CLIFFS CONVERSATION

A conversation ensued over the effectiveness – or ineffectiveness – of ongoing drainage and other improvements, like native plant re-introduction, at scenic Sunset Cliffs Natural Park. The long-term goals of Sunset Cliffs Natural Park are embodied in its master plan and vision statement, which calls for the “creation of a park where people can enjoy San Diego’s natural coastal environment as it once was, free from the effects of man.”

POCKET PARK GREENLIGHTED

After years of community effort, the City agreed to expedite plans to construct a new pocket park for Cañon Street in Point Loma. “The three-quarter acre Point Loma pocket park is funded, the selected contractor, Dick Miller



A member of The Taste Buds team hands out chili samples to the young and old during the Ocean Beach Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off on June 24. Thousands of people came out to the annual event in OB on a sunny afternoon for fun, food, and frolic. The Taste Buds' Amateur Division chili entry earned third place in the People's Choice awards.
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Construction, Inc., has signed the contract, and everything after nine-plus years is in expedited mode,” said Don Sevrens, who spearheaded the park-improvement project.

AUGUST

SB 10 REJECTED

The City Planning Commission on Aug. 3 thwarted an initial attempt to make San Diego the first California city to implement SB 10, a bill that could allow up to 10 homes on a single-family lot up to three stories tall near existing or planned mass transit.

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

According to “Crunch Time For Climate,” the latest report by the nonprofit Climate Action Campaign, the City must double down on shifting transportation options away from gas-powered vehicles, in order to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in the next 12 years.

FISH SHOP

Point Loma was the perfect spot for the Fish Shop to cast its line, tailoring its look and feel to fit that of the surrounding Portuguese fishing community. The company opened its third location at 1110 Rosecrans St.

TERMINAL CONCESSIONS

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Board approved the final group of New Terminal 1 concession leases for restaurants and retail shops that will offer a mix of local, regional, and some national brands.

PIANO EXHIBIT

Two 14-year-old Point Loma youth were seeking a permanent home for an “inspirational” piano they created named “Here Comes the Sun,” which was on exhibit at Liberty Station.

EMERGENCY DECLARED

On Aug. 21, City Council voted unanimously to ratify a declaration of emergency by Mayor Todd Gloria following the disruption wrought by Tropical Storm Hilary.

BRITANNIA TEAROOMS

It’s all things British at The Britannia Tearooms at 2323 Midway Drive which boasts, among other things, a Sherlock Holmes sitting room, a Mad Hatter’s Tearoom, numerous references to “Alice In Wonderland Through The Looking Glass,” and a Mary Poppins-themed gift shop.

SEPTEMBER

PASTOR DISMISSAL

A Nazarene pastor lost his credential to preach after a church jury convicted him of supporting



San Diego Junior Lifeguards jump off the Ocean Beach Pier on July 10 to face their fears and raise funds for the Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego.
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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.”

WATER BILL GLITCH

Some Peninsulans got 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, were in the hundreds, or even thousands, of dollars.

LIGHTS OUT

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

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The first Sunset Cliffs Car Show and Grill Master Competition was held Sept. 9 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.

MIDWAY TASTING ROOM

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

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

Baseball and watching the Little League World Series helped 9-year-old Sunset Cliffs resident Westan Ward recuperate from emergency eye surgery. But Westan and his family never realized what else was in store for them, as they won a “Swing Big” contest that gave them all tickets to watch the LLWS Championship in August in Pennsylvania.

NATIONAL DANCE DAY

National Dance Day on Sept. 16

was celebrated by local dance organizations in Arts District Liberty Station showcasing their talents for the special day and beyond.

PIER DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

The City presented three preliminary design concepts for a new Ocean Beach Pier during a third community workshop. The Braid concept builds upon the long, linear experience of the pier. The Squint Test concept utilizes the current pier’s layout and design but widens the pier, and adds a fishing deck. The Remora concept highlights the original layout and design of the pier and adds a series of features that celebrate unique ocean experiences.

OCTOBER

CENTENNIAL SALUTE

The centennial celebration of Liberty Station took place on Oct. 29. The festivities included recognition of the oldest living Naval Training Center recruits who trained on the property, the burial of a time capsule to be opened in 25 years, live entertainment by the Navy Band. During its 74 years of active service, some 1.7 million recruits packed their bags, loosened mothers’ heartstrings, and arrived at the Main Gate of Naval Training Center in Point Loma.

OB OKTOBERFEST

Ocean Beach Oktoberfest, promoted as “San Diego’s wildest,” for its 21st installment Oct. 6-7. Sponsored by Jägermeister, the fall classic event featured live music, activities, and refreshments.

PLHS HOMECOMING

Spirits were sky high on Sept. 22 at Point Loma High when a considerable student turnout welcomed dozens of alumni to the school’s 97th Homecoming event.

SCHOOLS REUNITED

The lower- and middle-school campuses of Ocean Beach’s home-grown independent Warren Walker School, separated for two decades, were reunited for the 2024-25 academic year.

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of measures aimed at improving operations, accessibility, and security across the MTS transit system. These measures include the implementation of a credit card tap-to-pay feature, which will allow riders to simply tap their physical credit cards or smart devices to qualify for a ride.

OB SURF NOVEL

A. Lee Brown, Jr. described being rocked in the cradle of the emerging surf culture by his mentors while growing up in Point Loma and Ocean Beach during the '50s and '60s in "Cradle of Bitchin: A Story of Mentors, Watermen, and The Sea."

CHURCH PROPERTY SALE

A proposal to combine Water's Edge Church in OB with its parent in Mission Valley, and sell the church property for affordable housing development, raised concerns throughout the community.

STVR REVISED

District 2 Councilmember Campbell asked for and was granted, amendments to the ordinance her office drafted and was passed by the City Council in May 2022. The amendments include clearer language that protects Constitutional rights and also include introducing impounding procedures to



On July 29, the USC Trojan Marching Band marched west down Santa Monica Avenue to Veterans Plaza and performed a 30-minute free concert for beachgoers in OB. The nationally-known marching band played several songs including its fight song 'Fight On,' 'California Love,' and its unofficial fight song 'Tusk.'

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This postcard shows the Navy Band and sailors in formation at the Naval Training Station. Dedicated as Naval Training Station on Oct. 27, 1923, it reached its wartime peak of 33,000 personnel in 1942. The Secretary of the Navy changed the name to Naval Training Center in 1944. The centennial celebration of Liberty Station took place in October.

swiftly address rogue vendors who don't comply with the city's regulations.

PLA FUNDRAISER

The Point Loma Association's annual dinner auction on Oct. 30 at the Kona Kai Resort and Spa raised over \$140,000 for local community projects and beautification.

NOVEMBER

LOBSTER SEASON

Recreational fishing for California spiny lobsters commenced running through March 20, 2024, and local anglers – and those selling their

catches – were looking forward to a successful season, with lobsters being sold more locally now.

CANCER FUNDRAISING RIDE

The 10th Annual Jim Krause Memorial Charity Cycling Ride the Point for pancreatic cancer research, beginning and ending at Liberty Station, was held on Nov. 11.

ICE RINK RETURNS

Rady Children's Ice Rink fundraiser returned for its 27th season – eighth in Liberty Station – in the Central Promenade of the Arts District running Nov. 16 through Jan. 7.

HOMELESS PROPOSAL PROTEST

The Peninsula Community Planning Board meeting on Nov. 16 was overflowing with residents protesting the proposed conversion of the City-owned H Barracks into an area for homelessness services.

OB FIRE

On Nov. 24, fire departments from four different stations converged on Ocean Beach in an effort to save one of the town's most revered landmarks, the Lighthouse Ice Cream shop. Thanks to the quick response, firefighters were able to put out the blaze before it took the building.

DECEMBER

OB PIER CLOSED

As a result of continuing damage and with the potential for additional structural impairment from the upcoming storm season, the City opted to keep the Ocean Beach Pier closed through into 2024.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Ocean Beach Town Council invited the community to join in cherished annual holiday celebrations including the OB Christmas tree, the OB Toy & Food Drive, the Holiday Auction & Party, and the eagerly awaited 44th Annual OB Holiday Parade which took place Dec. 2 on Newport Avenue.

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Guardians at Point Loma lighthouse keeping San Diego safe

By KYUNGMIN MIN | The Beacon

There are guardians of San Diego who live at the lighthouse base in Point Loma, the tip of the peninsula surrounded by the Pacific Ocean.

Only people from the Coast Guard and their guests can go into the lighthouse, and three families reside at the base. But local Realtor and photographer Chris Mannerino had the chance to ride in a Coast Guard helicopter on Dec. 13. “The attraction to the lighthouse is the location. It has a 270-degree view of the ocean down to Mexico. The fact that there is very limited access means that it is quiet and peaceful,” said Mannerino.

James W. Spitler, the Coast Guard sector commander and

captain of the Port of San Diego, shared his life story at the lighthouse base.

“My responsibility here to my crew is to make sure that we can achieve the job and take care of each other. My responsibility to the people of San Diego is to make sure I can protect the port and keep everybody safe,” said Spitler.

In his position, Spitler focuses on two key elements: the people and the mission. He strives to maintain the connections with the people in San Diego, as well as with his crew.

“I’m a big proponent that we typically have a better answer if everybody’s involved providing input,” he emphasized. He tries to facilitate open communication by having a conversation with his boss or partners whenever he faces challenges or needs feedback.



Point Loma Realtor and photographer Chris Mannerino flew with the Coast Guard in December and took shots of one of the helicopters in front of the lighthouse and over the Ocean Beach Pier.
CHRIS MANNERINO/PENINSULA BEACON

The Coast Guard has 11 statutory missions to ensure the nation’s maritime safety, security, and stewardship. However, it considers life-saving services as a fundamental mission as part of its role as a humanitarian organization.

“Everything we do is about

preventing mishaps, protecting the environment, and saving lives,” said Spitler.

Living at the lighthouse base has been a remarkable opportunity for Spitler. Of the three homes at the base, he lives in the one situated highest up on the cliff, built

in 1913. His senior leaders reside in the other two houses, making a total of eight people, including their families, who live at the base.

“When the Coast Guard started living here, only the great leaders that have gone before us have had the opportunity to live here. It’s been a phenomenal experience,” said Spitler.

In 2019, Spitler attained the rank of captain. He is a third-generation Coast Guard officer following in his grandfather’s footsteps and has been a traveler across the nation during his career.

“I have moved 12 times in 26 years,” he said. Since graduating from the Coast Guard Academy in 1997, Spitler has worked in many different states, including Alabama, Alaska, Florida, and Texas.

Throughout his journey, Spitler has been charged in various positions. His first tour was on a ship, and he received training at the Navy Flight School. He earned a master’s degree in aeronautical engineering and attended the Naval War College. He also worked at the DOD for two years before joining the lighthouse base.

The Coast Guard officer has significant responsibilities compared to his previous roles. “The level of impact and the scope of responsibility are different,” he remarked.

After a few years of signing up, each member is placed in significant roles such as commanding officer of a ship, aircraft, helicopter, etc.

In the summer of 2025, Spitler will have three options for his future, as the Coast Guard only allows 30 years at his rank. After that, he could be selected for admiral to continue in the Coast Guard, embark on his next career, or retire. He is preparing for the transitional phase of his life.

Spitler describes his life in the Coast Guard in two words: “memorable” and “honorable.”

“It just feels right. There are no regrets. I’m very happy with the choice and the path of life that I’ve led.”



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Winter storms brought heavy surf increasing the damage to OB Pier

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

Ravaged by recent winter storms and king tides that washed away a support piling, fear is growing that Ocean Beach Pier may be in danger of potential collapse if repairs are not immediately undertaken.

“We are aware of visible damage to the Ocean Beach Pier. At least one pile was damaged, as was the pier’s railing,” said City spokesperson Tyler Becker. Noting the City’s original plan was to “wait until after the winter storm season to conduct a full assessment of pier damage,” Tyler added, “But recent damage and upcoming weather patterns have created a new urgency to inspect the pier.”

“That piling is not damaged – it’s destroyed,” concluded Ralph Teyssier, a structural engineer and the son of Leonard Teyssier who built OB Pier. “There is no longer a piling in place. There is no support for that pier there (at missing piling), and the other piling is in a precarious state.”

Cautioned Teyssier: “If there is another storm that causes damage of this level of magnitude, we could create even more significant damage to the pier. We have a situation of progressive collapse. We can’t wait for spring (to assess damage). We need to act now.”

Becker noted the City has initiated an assessment of the recent damage to determine the next steps for repairing the 57-year-old pier. “We will continue monitoring the situation as the storm season progresses and address any urgent items that may come up,” he said.

The City also issued a warning to the public about the disabled OB Pier. “For the safety



The new year brought heavy storms, king tides, and more damage to the OB Pier as one of the structure’s pilings was washed away. JIM GRANT/PENINSULA BEACON



The damaged pier where one of its pilings was washed away from heavy surf. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

of the public, we would like to remind everyone that per San Diego Municipal Code §63.20.16, it is against the law for anyone to swim, wade, surf, or skin dive within 75 feet of any fishing pier owned and operated by the City,” noted Becker.

Teyssier questioned whether 75 feet is enough clearance to ensure public safety near the pier. “That figure is designed for an in-use pier, not a pier that has critical damage,” he said. “And with the king tides and debris coming up on the beach, whether it be parts of the railing or the concrete pile, that remains a concern.”

Teyssier added he was informed recently the City has “engaged a firm with the appropriate expertise to manage and plan for a potential mitigation program for the pier.”

The City unveiled three alternative design concepts at its third



Huge waves pounded and damaged the Ocean Beach Pier on Oct. 20, 2023, which initially led to the City closing it. JIM GRANT/PENINSULA BEACON

pier replacement workshop last October. They are “The Squint Test” utilizing the current pier’s layout and design but proposing widening the pier, adding a fishing deck, reconstructing the cafe, and introducing an additional deck with upgraded restrooms; “The Remora” highlighting the original layout and design while adding new features including a shaded surfer’s lounge, an enhanced junior lifeguard jump platform, an expanded deck and an expanded plaza with a small retail pavilion; and “The Braid” concept, building on the long, linear experience of the pier, reworking it into a series of separate but interconnected pathways. Other features would include potential retail, dining, and community spaces, lowered fishing areas, and enhanced restrooms.

Becker said there is no timeline for completion of the assessment

of OB Pier’s structural damage. “As for the long-term plans, the City continues to work on the Ocean Beach Pier Renewal Project, which aims to provide a solution likely through a (pier) replacement,” he said. “The preferred concept, expected to be unveiled in the next few months, could be one of the three options as is. But it will more likely be a combination of the elements most desired by the community from the three options that were presented.”

Mark Winkie, one of 12 members of the OB Task Force working on the replacement project, noted the goal of the process now is to “provide a preferred alternative, which is the final design incorporating the community’s wishes.”

Winkie added the public is concerned too about the damaged OB Pier’s safety. “Because the one piling is now gone, that puts serious stress on the remaining

OCEAN BEACH PIER

Opened in 1966, Ocean Beach Pier debuted as a sport-fishing pier with no fee for accessing it and no fishing licenses required. During its first 25 years, the pier received normal ongoing maintenance required by exposure to the harsh marine environment of wind, waves, and salt. In 1991, the pier underwent major structural rehabilitation.

Since the early 2000s, exposure to large waves and ongoing degradation has required structural pier repairs with increasing frequency. The pier has been closed to the public since October 2023. Based on the findings of a 2018 study determining OB Pier has reached the end of its useful service life, the City has determined that pursuing a potential replacement of the pier is the best long-term option.

The City is now working with consultants Moffatt & Nichol and the public to design the preferred alternative for the potential replacement of the pier. The City hosted three community workshops in 2023 to receive input on what the public would like in new pier amenities. The City is expected to select a preferred alternative alignment for replacing the pier at a public workshop later this year.

piling and the pier at large,” he said adding, “We’ve never lost a pile like that before. It’s not out of the realm of possibility that you could see a catastrophic failure of the pier at some point during the winter. Whether that happens – or not – is an unknown as to when, or even how, it would fail.”

In the meantime, Winkie cautioned, “The public needs to be kept away from [the pier].”

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Pointer athletes competing in winter sports season



Senior Rachael Morris, in white, goes to the hoop through a trio of Kearny defenders during her team's 29-27 win over the Komets.
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By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

As the school year approaches the halfway point, winter sports at Point Loma High School have taken center stage while the process of hiring a new head football coach continues.

The recently completed winter break saw many athletes competing in holiday tournaments in preparation for upcoming league games and some have had significant success.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Under new head coach Michelle Mannisto the Pointer girls have posted an 11-5 record. Mannisto was also the head coach of the school's first-ever flag football team in the fall.

Four freshmen have earned a spot on the team (Abby George, Eva Cruz, Hannah Smith, and Avery Heckman) to go with six sophomores (Isla Orr, Makenna Joyce, Kayla Henry, Sophia Loya, London Manning, and Scarlett La Chappa). Four juniors include Sophie Taylor, Madi Schmitt, Leah McGonigle, and Ellie Rose Branham-Bond. Senior leaders are Rachael Morris, Kylie Wade, and Bella Sisk-Correll.

The girls play in the Eastern League with Patrick Henry, Mira Mesa, University City, Lincoln, and San Diego High Schools. The Pointers have the best non-league record of these teams and are ranked No. 5 of 21 Div. III schools.

Their most exciting game to date was a 44-43 win over La Jolla in double overtime.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Head coach Josh Aros and crew have raced to a 12-5 overall record and stand at 1-0 in Central League play with a 71-64 win over La Jolla. Other Central League teams include Clairemont, Crawford, and Canyon Hills High Schools.

A big non-league game was a 64-61 win over Coronado on the Islanders' court. The two teams have developed a rivalry in recent years that would best be described as "spirited." At press time the Pointers are on a four-game win streak, undefeated at home, and are ranked No. 4 of 21 Div. III teams.

Junior Grant Stewart leads the Pointers with 16.6 points per game followed by seniors Nick Freeman (13.7) and Nick Woodworth (9.1).

Freeman leads in rebounds

(8.8 per game with Stewart (4.4) and sophomore Na'Sean Hardy (4.4) tied.

Junior Trevor Dorris has 4.4 assists per game while Freeman (3.4) and Stewart (3.2) follow.

As a team, the Pointers are averaging 16.9 assists and 12.9 steals per game.

GIRLS SOCCER

Head coach Jose Garcia's team has a record of 3-1-3 as Western League play opened this week with a match against a tough Patrick Henry (12-0-2) team. Other league teams are Cathedral Catholic, Coronado, and Academy of Our Lady of Peace.

Scoring has been the Pointers' greatest challenge with the team averaging 1.3 goals per game while

that number is also the number the team has given up. But Patrick Henry has only scored 2.3 per game showing the sport's thin margin between victories and defeats.

Leading goal scorers are senior Gwen Rauvola (3 goals), freshman Sophia Valli, and junior Allie York (2 each). Assists leaders are York and senior Kiley Fehrenbacher (2 each) and freshman Eliana Serna (1).

Goalkeeper Camilla Powell, a freshman, has posted two shut-outs and an .800 goals-against average while junior keeper Kaitlynn Gustafson has one shut-out and a .500 GAA.

BOYS SOCCER

For head coach Elliott Savitz, injuries to some key players have caused his team to start with a record of 1-7-1, currently leaving his side ranked No.19 of 20 Div. I teams. But don't count this team out. Last year's Pointer team finished Western League with a 1-6-1 record before catching fire in postseason play, winning the local CIF Div. I title and the Southern California Div. III championship.

The team's lone win this season is a 4-0 shutout of Montgomery in November and to date, only nine

balls have found the back of the net for the team while yielding a total of 16.

Senior Ethan Denney leads the team in most categories including goals (2), assists (1), and points (5).

Goalkeeping senior Bernardo Marquez and junior Seamus Donovan have each played in parts of seven games with Marquez allowing six goals and Donovan seven.

GIRLS WATER POLO

Head coach Brandon Huff's squad is currently 4-6 overall but 3-0 in Central League play. Other teams in the league are Scripps Ranch, Mira Mesa, High Tech SD,

and Canyon Hills. No league team seems dominant. The Pointers' biggest win was a 17-7 swamping of Mira Mesa. The team is ranked No. 8 of 13 Div. II teams.

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

Input from parents and community members has been solicited and received. It will be used by the selection team as they sort through and interview applicants. Across the county a dozen head coaching positions are open.

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be playing a winter league ball game against another school's varsity team. First pitch is set for 10:30 a.m. The Pointer junior varsity is scheduled to face an opponent at 1:30 p.m. The event benefits the Pointer baseball program.

HUNGRY DOG DASH

A popular Peninsula community event is gearing up for its 12th year. The Hungry Dog Dash is a 5K event for all ages that includes runners, walkers,

baby strollers and even leashed dogs. This year's event is Feb. 11 at Liberty Station's NTC Park with an 8 a.m. start. Registration is \$30 for adults and \$25 for kids. The price includes a race T-shirt, goodie bags, music and entertainment along with trophies and prizes for top finishers in all age divisions. Entry fees increase on Jan. 20. The event benefits the Point Loma High School cross country team. Information: hungrydogdash.com or email plhsx-country@gmail.com.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9023394 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. PITANJOY MEDITERANEAN GRILL, 3425 HANCOCK ST, SAN DIEGO, CA 92110 Is registered by the following: a. SAN DIEGO FUSION FOODS, LLC is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 10/11/2023 Registrant Name: a. SAN DIEGO FUSION FOODS, LLC Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor Alejandro Araujo, CEO The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: NOVEMBER 20, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 8 ,15 & January 5 & 12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9023402 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. DETAILS SALONSPA, 4933 NIAGARA AVENUE, STE 205, SAN DIEGO, CA 92107 Is registered by the following: a. AIAD GROUP, INC is conducted by: A CORPORATION The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a. AIAD GROUP, INC Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor AURORA GIL-HOUDROUGE, CEO The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: NOVEMBER 20, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 8 ,15 , January 5 & 12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9024188 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. CHELSEA BOND, LLC b. LINGERIE LEGGINS c. HEALUNA d. SCHOOL OF ANCIENT WISDOM e. PROHIBITION DANCE , 3035 OLIPHANT ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92106 Is registered by the following: a.. CHELSEA BOND, LLC is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a. CHELSEA BOND, LLC Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor CHELSEA BOND, MEMBER The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 01, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 8 ,15 , January 5 & 12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9023671 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. Señorita Smiles, 868 OSAGE ST, SAN DIEGO, CA 92114 Is registered by the following: a. Ana Maria Gallegos Is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a. Ana Maria Gallegos is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: NOVEMBER 27, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 8 ,15 , January 5 & 12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9023859 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. SCHRIFT EVENTS, 5763 BEAUMONT AVENUE, LA JOLLA, CA 92037 Is registered by the following: a. SARAH KATHERINE SCHRIFT is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a. SARAH KATHERINE SCHRIFT is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: NOVEMBER 28, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 8 ,15 , January 5 & 12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9023218 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. NATIONAL MOTORS, 5784 MIRAMAR ROAD, SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 Is registered by the following: a. NATIONAL MOTORS GROUP, INC. is conducted by: A CORPORATION The first day of business was: 08/15/2013 Registrant Name: a. NATIONAL MOTORS GROUP, INC. is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor SHOKOOH ATIGHI, SECRETARY statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: NOVEMBER 16, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 15 , January 5, 12 & 19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9024276 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. POINT PR COMMUNICATIONS, 1662 PUTERBAUGH STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92103 Is registered by the following: a. JOHN B.B. FREEMAN is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 12/4/2023 Registrant Name: a. JOHN B.B. FREEMAN is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 04, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 15 , January 5, 12 & 19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9023420 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. COAST HOME REMODELING, 424 15TH ST #2503, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 Is registered by the following: a. COAST EXTERIORS, INC. is conducted by: A CORPORATION The first day of business was: 08/08/2023 Registrant Name: a. COAST EXTERIORS, INC. is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor LIZA GOIS, CEO statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: NOVEMBER 20, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 15 , January 5, 12 & 19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9023554 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. METLA HOUSE CLEANING, 330 13TH STREET, APT 2004, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 Is registered by the following: a. METLA, LLC is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 04/01/2022 Registrant Name: a. METLA, LLC is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor ARTSIOM MACHEKIN, MANAGER statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: NOVEMBER 21, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 15 , January 5, 12 & 19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9024824 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. MR BENJAMIN'S 3344 FENELON ST, SAN DIEGO, CA 92106 Is registered by the following: a. MR BENJAMIN'S COTILLION, LLC is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 10/15/1983 Registrant Name: a. MR BENJAMIN'S COTILLION, LLC is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor PETER G. BENJAMIN, MANAGING MEMBER, statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 12, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 15 , January 5, 12 & 19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9023881 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. PACIFIC BROKERAGE, 5638 TAFT AVE, LA JOLLA, CA 92037 Is registered by the following: a. KIRK PATRICK ZURBRIGGEN MR conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 02/07/2019 Registrant Name: a. KIRK PATRICK ZURBRIGGEN MR is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: NOVEMBER 29, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 15 , January 5, 12 & 19

BEACH ADVISORY

San Diego health officials released an updated water contact closure and advisory list for county beaches that includes Ocean Beach and La Jolla. Water contact advisories have been issued for La Jolla's Children's Pool, La Jolla Cove beachline, and Dog Beach in OB due to bacteria levels exceeding

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME; CASE NO: 37-2023-00055043-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) RAMOND ERNEST APODOCA III filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: a. RAMOND ERNEST APODOCA III To proposed name: RAYMOND ERNEST APODACA 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: 02/05/2024 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: 12/08/2023 . JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Michael T. Smyth ISSUE DATES: January 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2024 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 patent, and proof of service must be filed with the court. IT IS SO ORDERED

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025053 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. TOWER BEACH CLUB, 1010 SANTA CLARA PLACE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 is registered by the following: a. TOWER PADDLE BOARDS, LLC is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 09/14/2018 Registrant Name: a. TOWER PADDLE BOARDS, LLC is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor STEPHAN AARSTOL, CEO statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 14, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 5, 12, 19 & 26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9024716 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. BURDT & LUCHETTI INSURANCE SERVICES, 4159 MISTY RIDGE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92130 is registered by the following: a. LARRY J BURDT is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 11/06/2023 Registrant Name: a. LARRY J BURDT is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 11, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 5, 12, 19 & 26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9024667 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. GRAND WELCOME OF MISSION BAY, 1804 GARNET AVE, STE 373, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 is registered by the following: a. KALLIN FRANCHISEGROUP, INC is conducted by: A CORPORATION first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a. KALLIN FRANCHISEGROUP, INC is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor MICHAEL COLE, PRESIDENT statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 08, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 5, 12, 19 & 26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9024802 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. FLIGHT PATH CONSULTING, 9110 JUDICIAL RD #8525, SAN DIEGO, CA 92122 is registered by the following: a. ALEKSEY ROZHOKOV is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 02/01/2023 Registrant Name: a. ALEKSEY ROZHOKOV is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 12, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 5, 12, 19 & 26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025942 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. LEAH KING REIKI, 4901 MORENA BLVD, STE 209A, SAN DIEGO, CA 92117 is registered by the following: a. LEAH KING is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 01/03/2019 Registrant Name: a. LEAH KING is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 29, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 5, 12, 19 & 26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000082 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. SD LEAK SPECIALISTS, 2249 CITRUS AVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92154 is registered by the following: a. ALBERT JAMES FEDERICO is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 01/02/2024 Registrant Name: a. ALBERT JAMES FEDERICO is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 3, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 5, 12, 19 & 26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME; CASE NO: 37-2024-00000543-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) BRENTON ANTHONY REASIN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: a. BRENTON ANTHONY REASIN To proposed name: BRENTON ROSE O'DONOVAN 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: 02/20/2024 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: JAN 08, 2024 . JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Maureen F. Halahan ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19 ,26 & February 2, 2024 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 patent, and proof of service must be filed with the court. IT IS SO ORDERED

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025755 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. PAKMAIL US 119, 7586 LA JOLLA BLVD, LA JOLLA, CA 92037 is registered by the following: a. MELHI GUNAY is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 03/01/2012 Registrant Name: a. MELHI GUNAY is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 27, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19 ,26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025865 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. FAMAS FASHION MARIA STYLIST, 510 ESCONDIDO BLVD, ESCONDIDO, CA 92025 is registered by the following: a. LORENA SALDIVAR is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 09/16/2012 Registrant Name: a. LORENA SALDIVAR is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 28, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19 ,26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000189 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. SAN DIEGO SCUBA GUIDE LLC, 5248 MOUNT ALIFAN DR, SAN DIEGO, CA 92111 is registered by the following: a. SAN DIEGO SCUBA GUIDE LLC is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 03/01/2012 Registrant Name: a. SAN DIEGO SCUBA GUIDE LLC is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor DAVOR POTUONJAK, PRESIDENT statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 4, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19 ,26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025081 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. THREE SIXTEEN STUDIO AND EVENTS, 2375 MARRON RD, CARLSBAD, CA 92008 is registered by the following: a. EVELYN FRANCISCA SELL b. JOHN LANDON NELSON is conducted by: e. JOINT VENTURE The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a. EVELYN FRANCISCA SELL b. JOHN LANDON NELSON Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 15, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19 ,26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000080 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. POSTAL ANNEX + #20 AKA POATSL ANNEX + SERVICE CENTER #20, 7514 GIRARD AVE, STE 1, LA JOLLA, CA 92037 is registered by the following: a. J.L KANG, INC is conducted by: A CORPORATION The first day of business was: 09/01/2007 Registrant Name: a. J.L KANG, INC Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor JEAMI LEE KANG, SECRETARY statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 3, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19 ,26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025958 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. BLUE SKY SERVICES, 6041 VILLAGE WAY #406, SAN DIEGO, CA 92130 is registered by the following: a. GALINA SCHOETTER is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a. GALINA SCHOETTER , if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 29, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19 ,26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000410 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. WINGS OF CHANGE UNLIMITED, 4389 CAMINITO DE LA ESCENA, SAN DIEGO, CA 92108 is registered by the following: a. RACHELLE RENE is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 10/3/2005 Registrant Name: a. RACHELLE RENE is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 8, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19 ,26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000467 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. SECOND NATURE, 5026 CASS STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 is registered by the following: a. TURQUOISE CELLARS, LLC is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 12/28/2017 Registrant Name: a. TURQUOISE CELLARS, LLC is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor EDWARD D. OKINO, MANAGING MEMBER statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 8, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19 ,26 & February 2

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By NOAH PERKINS | The Beacon

Forty minutes, across Rumbek, Matur Dhal walked. Most days, the same journey, a pile of concrete and some worn-out rims waiting for him.

“At the time, I didn’t know there were indoor basketball courts,” Dhal, a sophomore and first-year transfer student on the Point Loma Nazarene University men’s basketball team, from Cal Poly, said. “I was just excited to play with my friends, I didn’t think about the long walk or how hot it was.”

South Sudan – the youngest country in the world – has four basketball courts, but none are indoors.

His hometown court was constructed using funds donated by former NBA player and South Sudanese basketball legend Luol Deng.

“When it rains, practice is over,” Dhal said. “When it’s hot outside, you just have to play. Sometimes you don’t have any shoes to play with, so you figure out if you have a friend you can borrow from or if you can use slides. It was like playing in the road. When you wore shoes, they would be broken within a week.”

Fourteen, the first-time cousins “dragged him to the court,” the ball felt strange in his hands, shooting was awkward but not as difficult as moving around the court with defenders draped over him.

“I was so sad because everyone was doing better than me,” Dhal remembered. “I never saw basketball on TV or touched a ball. Everyone was fast and I was slow. It was so frustrating.”

The words of his first coach, Deng Aldo, an older sibling of Luol Deng, guided Dhal then, and continue to do so now.

“One day he called me and said ‘Everybody has their own journey and you have your own path, don’t compare yourself to other people and be the best version of yourself,’” Dhal remembered. “It’s like it was yesterday.”

Late to the game, Dhal always possessed the one thing in basketball that can’t be taught: size.

“I believe in myself and keep working hard – go early, work on ball handling and shooting,” the 6 feet 11 inches tall Dhal said. “Within a few months, I was able to catch up.”

Independent since 2011, a seven-year civil war is estimated to have killed nearly half a million people in South Sudan. According to the United Nations, over 8 million South Sudanese need humanitarian aid, with infant mortality and maternal mortality rates among the highest in the world.

“He has such an amazing perspective on his life,” PLNU head men’s head basketball coach Justin Downer said. “These basketball games aren’t real pressure. Matur has had real-life pressure, not knowing where he is going to sleep, not knowing what country he is going to live in – if he is going to be able to stay here or if he is going to have to go back to South Sudan.”

“Growing up, everyone knew each other,” Dhal added. “I was young – all I knew was go to school, play sports, hang out with friends. The conflict had been going on since way before I was born. I felt safe growing up, but after independence, with civil war and different tribes and opposition for the government, in 2017 a big fight made me and my family feel unsafe.”

Dhal and his family took the route familiar to many South Sudanese, heading into neighboring Uganda. For almost a year he lived and attended school just outside of Kampala.

His happy place, again, was a rough surface and a pair of crooked hoops.

“It wasn’t a full-sized court – closer to half,” Dhal said, with a bemused exhale. “One rim was taller than the other one. But I didn’t care about that, I was just happy to play.”

A fortuitous meeting with an American basketball coach from Texas at a summer camp in South Sudan paved the way for his eventual journey to the United States.

“At the time I wasn’t interested,” Dhal said. “I had never been to another continent before. I didn’t know much English and I didn’t want to leave my friends behind for a strange world. My whole mindset of basketball is to play professionally, and in order to achieve your dream you have to make sacrifices.”

In 2018, Dhal enrolled at Paradise Honors High School in Surprise, Ariz.

“The first time I saw him play [in high school] I was like ‘there is no way this guy is this big and can move this well,’” Downer said.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Moved back and forth
- One-time coach of the Cowboys
- Last letter
- Cause to become less intense
- Genus of tree bugs
- Body art
- Romance novelist
- Be filled with love for
- City
- Make vivid
- Horses
- Mauna ___, Hawaiian volcano

CLUES DOWN

- Indigenous people of Mexico
- Dietary supplement
- Having a particular sheen or luster
- Views
- Academic Bill of Rights
- Automobile
- When you anticipate arriving
- Beef or chicken intestine
- Conspiracy
- Blood disorder
- Long-time NBAer Shawn
- Time zone
- US, Latin America, Canada
- Atomic #18
- Shortly
- A type of prejudice
- Whirls
- Six
- Old world, new
- ___ Hess, oil company
- Talk
- Not off
- Begets
- Cars need them
- Computing architecture (abbr.)
- Of I
- Journalist, activist Wells
- Takes apart
- belong to
- Upton Sinclair novel
- What a cow does
- Cavalry-sword
- Ancient Greek war galley
- Stars
- Rebukes
- Billion year periods
- Some are in a bottle
- Tears down
- Lethal dose
- Humorists
- Midwestern US state (abbr.)
- Frameworks
- Rocker Billy

- Lists
- Positively charged electrode
- Hard, colorless compound
- Inflammation of the peritoneum
- Trent Reznor’s band
- Simply dry fruit
- “Ivanhoe” author
- Google certification
- French commune
- Medieval circuit courts
- Soviet Socialist Republic

- More thin
- Dog
- Habitual repetitions
- State of fuss
- Uneasy
- Chemical compounds
- More cognizant of reality
- A place to build
- Exclamation that denotes disgust
- Supplement with difficulty
- Very slick
- Hill or rocky peak

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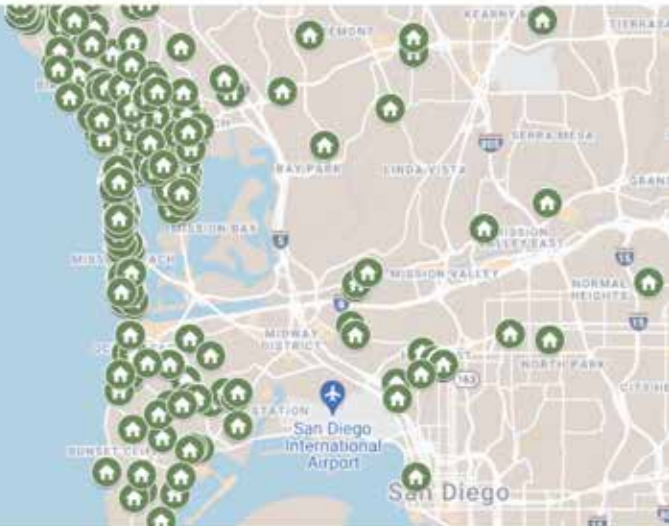
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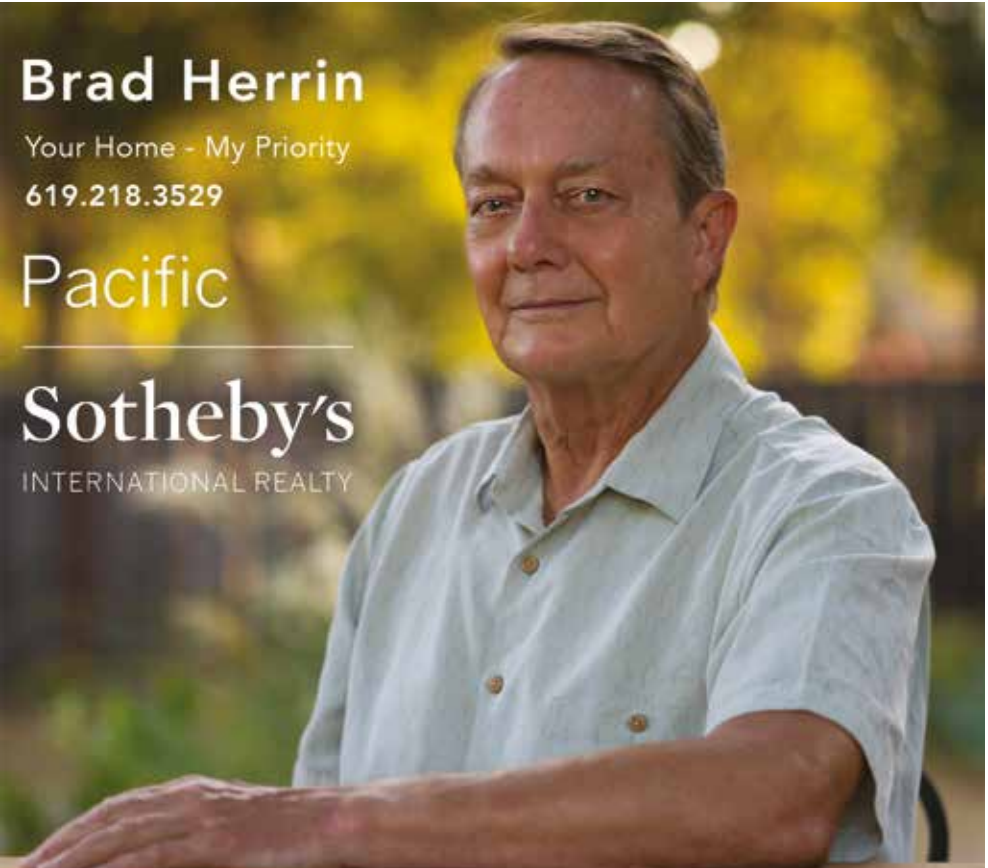
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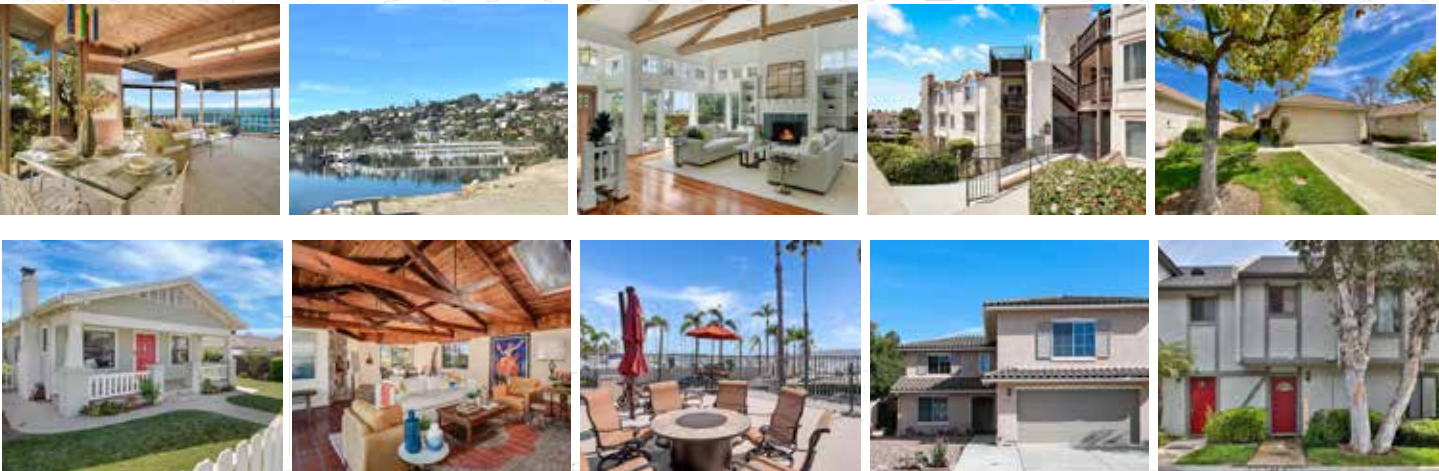


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