King Tides are coming Jan. 10-12 and Feb. 8-9. When King Tides occur during floods or storms, water levels can rise higher and have the potential to cause damage to the coastline and coastal property. Last year, King Tides and rough surf in January damaged the Ocean Beach Pier, which was then closed for five months while under repair. San Diego residents can help by taking and sharing photos of the shoreline during King Tides to create a record of the changes to the coast and upload them at coastal.ca.gov/klingtides. Above, big surf pounded Sunset Cliffs on Dec. 15 creating huge wave splashes and a little rainbow flare.

OB music festival helps ‘Springboard’ bands into spotlight

While it’s true that the main part of a musician’s life is playing music, there is much more to making a career in the field. From bookings to PR, management to copyrights, there is a lot for the up-and-coming performer to wade through. Luckily for San Diego, there is an annual event that can help, Springboard West in Ocean Beach.

Headquartered at the OB Playhouse, the fourth annual music conference takes place from Jan. 9-11, shining a spotlight on all aspects of the music biz. Attendees will find seminars and workshops during the day with industry and plenty of live music at night. The event is open to the public with all proceeds from Springboard West benefiting several nonprof-

its, including The San Diego Music Foundation, The Autism Tree Project Foundation, and Pioneer Programs.
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New state laws begin for rent control, minimum wage, and gun sales

dave Schomb | THE BEACON

New laws signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom that took effect Jan. 1 address everything from the minimum wage to hairstyles to taxes on diapers and gun violence.

Following are some of the new laws and what they do:

-- Under AB 1482 communities without rent control will now be covered by statewide rent control protections. Rent increases will be limited to 5 percent per year plus inflation and never more than 10 percent total. The state law won’t apply to housing built within the last 15 years.

-- The hourly minimum wage increased from $12 to $13 for employees in the City of San Diego starting Jan. 1.

-- AB 5 requires independent or contract workers to be considered employees and not independent workers if the employer controls the work, if the work is part of the company’s core business, or if the employer directs the worker in their job.

-- With SB 188, California becomes the first state to ban workplace discrimination based on a person’s natural hairstyle or texture, including braids, twists, and locks.

-- Adoption fees for military veterans will be waived under SB 245. Under the law, veterans will confirm a veteran’s eligibility using California’s current veteran’s license designation.

-- SB 1249 bans the sale of cosmetic products with ingredients tested on animals after Jan. 1, 2020, but does not apply to products sold globally where animal testing is required by law.

-- AB 9 allows employers up to three years to file complaints of discrimination, harassment or retaliation with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing. Previously, employers had only had one year to file a complaint.

-- SB 142 requires employers to provide clean and safe lactation rooms for breastfeeding mothers including access to a sink and refrigerator in close proximity to the employee’s workspace. It also requires the room be free of intrusion and that employers offer mothers breaks specifically for nursing.

-- SB 1543 requires workplaces with five or more employees to provide at least two hours of sexual harassment training within six months of being hired.

-- SB 88 increases paid leave to 12 weeks or 18 months for the birth of a child, or a new child if the mother is Adopted.

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North Chapel at Liberty Station to be rebranded as event space

By Jill Diamond | The Beacon

Some older buildings are destined to stay standing. North Chapel in Point Loma is a landmark that has had its fair share of ups and downs.

Constructed in 1942, and once a place of worship for sailors stationed at the Naval Training Center San Diego, it closed in 1997 with the operational closure of the base.

But not was all lost as it is now listed on the National Registrar of Historic Places and stands at the ready to be renovated—once again—at 2881 Roosevelt Road in the Quarter District of Liberty Station.

RENOVATIONS AND REVITALIZATION

Speaking of renovations North Chapel did undergo its first in 2007 and saw little use even though two local congregations used it on a periodic basis for services. But it wasn’t enough to keep it open.

However, in 2018, McMillin sold part of its leasehold—including the North Chapel—to Seligman and Pendulum Property Partners.

Pendulum later selected 828 Venue Management as a tenant because of “its proven experience creating unique venues, including BRICK at Liberty Station, formerly a warehouse.”

Then, 828 Venue Management selected Bennett + Associates as the architect “because of its experience with historic properties.”

Although 828 has been marketing North Chapel since September 2018 and rented it out for a handful of ceremonies, it has still faced consistent challenges.

“The clear conclusion is that a flexible-event venue will be successful and preserve this historic building,” said Joe Haeussler, executive vice president of Pendulum.

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Also, 828’s CEO Tim Wirick said before the company signed the lease on North Chapel the 8,777 square-foot property it struggled to generate enough interest and revenue to sustain its maintenance and operation.

“Having run the risk of closure, 828’s investment to rehabilitate the North Chapel ensures that the historic property can maintain its vitality for generations to come,” according to Wirick.

While work won’t begin until the city approves the plans on North Chapel, there is an excitement in the air and things are already moving at a steady pace as NTC’s theatre will be opening in Building 178 after an extensive renovation is completed.

“It’s exciting to see the North Chapel as the next major property to be included in this mix. Once work begins, the process will take several months to complete,” Wirick said.

In a news release the company issued Dec. 10 following a review by the California State Office of Historic Preservation and the National Park Service, 828 has received confirmation that its proposed renovations are approved.

The National Park Service has reviewed the Historic Preservation Certification Application – Part 2 for the above-named property and has determined that: “We plan to continue the operation of the North Chapel as a community event venue,” Wirick said. “We want to create a more inclusive space that will give more people the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of this historic building.”

To be branded as CHAPEL, “the facility will continue to be available for a wide range of community events throughout the week including weddings, religious gatherings, performances, receptions, a variety of other events and faith-based celebrations, as permitted by Liberty Station’s guiding NTU Precise Plan,” the news release added.

Additionally, Liberty Station has become the “largest historic preservation project in San Diego and is recognized as one of the most successful adaptive reuse communities in the U.S. — with a dozen military barracks, an old mess hall, a fire station, and an auditorium having been repurposed through the highly creative endeavors of locally based operators.”

For us, CHAPEL truly offers the best of both worlds — integrity to the building’s history as a place of worship and important life events, and renovation to become a vital venue for generations to come.

“We’re definitely excited for what the future holds for this beautiful space,” Wirick said.

FURTHER READINGS

FINAL APPROVALS

The news release said in order to begin work on the project, 828 will seek final approval from the City of San Diego Development Services Department. Given the state and federal approvals, the city should find that the project meets the required historic review criteria as it has been determined that all proposed improvements meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties.

Haeussler said: “Liberty Station is a special place, as is the North Chapel. I respect the community’s concerns. We worked extensively with our tenant to follow historic rehabilitation policy and have a use that celebates the architecture of the building.”

“They specialize in both weddings and other life celebrations. Having 828 operate the building will be a win-win. During the last several months, we conducted an extensive survey of the building and the national guidelines for historic rehabilitation. We look forward to expanding the work they are doing at North Chapel of San Diego so that work can commence and the building can be open for events of all types.”

“At the same time, the result will be a community asset that will create synergies with all of Liberty Station and truly benefit the community and the future holds for this beautiful space,” Haeussler said.

Bridge shelter program expands to serve more homeless

Advancing San Diego’s efforts to reduce homelessness, the City Council on Dec. 10 voted separately to expand Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer’s bridge shelter program for homeless individuals and to create a flexible funding pool to bolster homeless services and programs.

The expansion will occur early next year at the bridge shelter at Golden Hall. Father Joe’s Villages currently operates the 141-bed shelter for women and families in the North Terrace rooms of Golden Hall and now will expand with up to 138 beds in the South Terrace rooms.

A portion of the new beds will specifically serve Transition Age Youth, ages 18 to 24, who are transitioning from state custody or foster care. That group makes up 11 percent of San Diego’s unsheltered homeless population.

The expansion—which follows the opening of a fourth bridge shelter in November—will bring the total number of beds in the bridge shelter program to 931 citywide. The City’s bridge shelters include one run by Veterans Village of San Diego at 2801 ½ Sports Arena Blvd.

The City Council also approved the creation of a flexible pool of funding that will be used in innovative ways to bolster services and programs helping homeless individuals in San Diego using State Homeless Emergency Aid Program funding. In its first year, it will deploy up to $1 million in aid to individuals who need some form of low-level or short-term help to achieve housing stability, but who might not qualify for some of the City’s other homeless assistance programs. The city will address a known gap in the system.

“The city’s new Community Action Plan on Homelessness sets ambitious goals with targeted action items to help people living on the streets,” said District 2 Councilmember Dr. Jennifer Campbell.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

OB Pier repair, the scooters, land use, and vehicle habitation were major stories in 2019

by Dave Schwab | The Beacon

Land use dominated the Peninsula scene again in 2019, with residents continuing to react negatively to increasing densification of their coastal community.

Point Lomans protested for open space/parkland, and against a new affordable housing project. They also warned that more development will bring more traffic congestion further restricting access, which poses a threat during a possible emergency.

The addition of new, safer bike lanes on West Point Loma Boulevard, the ubiquitous scooters, the damaged and then repaired Ocean Beach Pier, and use of North Chapel in Liberty Station for other than religious purposes also emerged during the year as major stories.

Following is a month-by-month recounting of news happenings in Point Loma and Ocean Beach during 2019:

JANUARY
- As of Jan. 1 new state laws: made surfing California’s official state sport; required dogs, cats, and rabbits sold in pet stores to be obtained only from animal shelters or rescue groups; removed the requirement for people over age 18 to wear a helmet while riding a motorized scooter; and added a new law mandating repeat DUI offenders or those who receive a first DUI offense and have caused injuries, to install a breathalyzer on their engine ignition for 12 to 48 months.
- The two Catholic congregations that have shared use of North Chapel in Liberty Station for years were not granted a lease extension, and the chapel was closed for future remodeling.
- As part of ongoing efforts to address aging park infrastructure and improve the visitor experience, Cabrillo National Monument increased entrance fees for 2019. The Cabrillo National Monument closed for inspection and repairs.
- The Beacon highlighted some scrumptious pizzas in Point Loma and Ocean Beach.
- OBMA held its annual awards dinner Jan. 24.

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Damnit, the Bengal cat, is a fixture in Ocean Beach.

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January.
The Ocean Beach Pier reopened in May after undergoing repairs from huge surf in holes that developed during heavy storms that wreaked havoc on San Diego’s roadways, Mayor Faulconer announced.

MARCH
• Mayor Kevin Faulconer and District 2 City Councilmember Jennifer Campbell announced that significant repairs would be required to restore and reopen the iconic OB Pier landmark by Memorial Day.
• Ocean Beach Library started its own seed library to promote seed and food sovereignty and to cultivate community connections.
• In response to severe winter storms that wreaked havoc on San Diego’s roadways, Mayor Faulconer launched a City’s pothole repair expansion of the City’s pothole repair program to fill thousands of potholes that developed during heavy rains.
• Transportation think tank Circulate San Diego released a report March 6 finding that a Metropolitan Transit Service ballot measure could raise much-needed revenue to help the city meet its ambitious transportation- and climate-action goals.
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MAY
• It all began when Anne Jackson Hefti and friend Amy Ryan were walking their dogs in Sunset Cliffs Natural Park, and claimed they were exposed to wind-drift toxic herbicide sprayed by workers there. The incident started them on a quest, which they’re calling “Campaign Non-Toxic San Diego.” The pair began lobbying the City and County of San Diego to adopt an integrative pest management strategy to replace commonly used herbicides and pesticides containing cancer-linked glyphosate with other, safer organic products.
• There was a change of the guard in San Diego Lifeguard Union Teamsters 911 with Chris Vanos replacing Ed Harris as head steward.
• A judge on May 16 rejected probation for a surfer convicted of assaulting another surfer with a paddleboard, and instead imposed a five-year state prison term.
• The City Council voted 6-3 on May 14 to draft a new ordinance making vehicle habitation illegal once again in residential areas and near schools. The new ordinance recriminalized residents living out of their vehicles from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. in neighborhoods, or at any time within 500 feet of a residence or school excluding colleges and universities.
• Ocean Beach Pier was reopened during a May 24 ceremony.
• Community planners, the Navy, police, City Council District 2 and the San Diego Airport Authority fielded audience questions on airplane noise, homelessness, traffic and other hot-button issues at a May 14 community conversation.
• After 26 years, ownership changed hands at Dog Beach Dog Wash, with Jane Donley and Mindy Pellissier handing the leash over from the business they created in 1993 to new owners the Stokes family and friends.
• Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group vetoed a controversial proposal to turn part of the Naval Information Operations Group Family and Friends Center at Naval Air Station North Island into a regional transportation “grand central station.”
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man guilty of second-degree murder in the stabbing death of the "Incense Man," a transient who sold scented sticks. The eight-man, three-woman jury deliberated for 11 hours over three days before convicting Noah Mitchell Jackson, 21, of Ocean Beach, in the 2017 slaying of Walter (Ras) Riley, 65, who was stabbed five times.

JUNE
• A Point Loma High School junior, Timothy Fraher, a student in Anthony Palmiotto's cinematic arts program, won a contest for his "See Something Say Something" video graphically depicting how it’s easier to buy a gun than it is to get a driver’s license.
• By most accounts, the 40th annual OB Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off was a rousing success. New this year to the annual event was the Dirty Birds Wing Eating Contest won by Anthony Vasquez, $2,200 in proceeds from which were donated to OB’s Clean and Safe Program.

JULY
• What started as a quest to earn his own money morphed into a humanitarian crusade by 9-year-old Dylan Rodrigues of Ocean Beach to help others in need. One recent recipient of Dylan’s lemonade largesse was his life-long friend Kalal Hamilton, who was stricken with muscular dystrophy.
• Major upgrades began at Point Loma High. The largest of those is a three-story classroom building/media center along Chatsworth Boulevard. It will replace the 800-square-foot, round, outdated structure located at Famosa and Abbott Streets.
• The San Diego Housing Commission determined that a controversial five-acre lot at Famosa and Nimitz boulevards was suitable for the development of affordable housing.
• With the goals of modernizing the Navy’s physical presence in San Diego and improving transit connections to the airport, Mayor Faulconer July 10 was joined by regional planning and transportation agencies and the U.S. military to announce Navy Region Southwest and the San Diego Association of Governments had signed an agreement to explore possible options for the redevelopment of Naval Base Point Loma Old Town Complex.
• New scooter regulations took effect on July 1. Target’s new Ocean Beach store at 4564 Newport Ave. opened to the public on July 17.
• La Playa Trail Association received the prestigious "Keeper of the Flame" award at a Save Our Heritage Organisation ceremony. SOHO is San Diego’s leader in preserving and promoting architectural, cultural and historical landmarks that contribute to the community’s identity.

AUGUST
• John Rudolph, son of Harry Rudolph Jr. who founded La Jolla’s Harry’s Coffee Shop in 1960, purchased The Venetian Restaurant in Point Loma. The Venetian is Rudolph’s fourth restaurant. He also owns Mike’s Taco Club at 5060 Newport Ave. in Ocean Beach.
• The group that owns the San Diego Gulls minor hockey league team,Anaheim Arena Management (AAM), was selected by the City of San Diego to replace Pechanga Arena’s current operator, Arena Group 2000, as arena manager following a request for proposals (RFP) process.
• A lawsuit alleging Ocean Beach’s Dog Beach has a non-ADA compliant ramp led to a proposal to create a pricy replacement, which some Obecians derided as the "ramp to nowhere." Ocean Beach Planning Board voted 13-1 to deny support for the City’s proposed new ramp replacement.
• An all-day celebration for engine that smells like praline pecan carrot cake swirl ice cream and tastes like a liquid peanut butter cup.

SEPTEMBER
• OB restaurateur Steve Yeng began mass marketing of Skrewball Peanut Butter Whiskey, a 70-proof, vegan and gluten-free beverage that smells like praline pecan carrot cake swirl ice cream and tastes like a liquid peanut butter cup.
• Point Loma students held a gender-neutral homecoming election, during which two senior boys were elected as “homecoming royalty” instead of the traditional “king” and “queen.”

remembrance included an afternoon ceremony at sea. “Arguing that cumulative impacts of several ongoing housing developments hadn’t been properly evaluated, some Point Lomans called for a Peninsula-wide traffic study to be done at a special meeting.
• A new, stylized updated Point Loma High School logo created by PLHS alum and graphic designer Josh Uiley was unveiled.
• Several local surfers and shapers were among legends of the sport inducted Aug. 11 into the San Diego Surfing Hall of Fame at a ceremony at Belly Up Tavern in Solana Beach. The event was hailed by organizers as “the greatest gathering of surf legends San Diego has ever seen.” Those honored included John Holly, veteran OB surfer, and board shaper.
• Peninsula Community Planning Board voted 8-3 Aug. 28 to send a letter to City officials supporting open/park space and opposing a 78-unit affordable housing project proposed on a five-acre lot at Famosa and Nimitz boulevards.

Highlights from the Peninsula Beacon

Dylan Rodrigues of Ocean Beach started a lemonade stand to help raise money for others in need.

Remembrance for late family patriarch Mike Harden on "Bossman Day," Sept. 30 at OB Pier parking lot. Festivities included live bands, food, a skateboard ramp, brews, booths, and a kids zone. Mike "Bossman" Hardin, the unofficial mayor and "Burgermeister" of OB, died Feb. 5, 2015.

October
• On Oct. 6, Surfrider held its 28th annual Paddle for Clean Water event on Ocean Beach where hundreds of surfers, paddle boarders, and kayakers paddled their way around the pier to show their dedication to keeping beaches in San Diego thriving.
• Urban Corps members got paid while earning their high school GED equivalency and the environment got cleansed while workers spent several days restoring Famosa Slough. “We received a $15,000 grant,” said Lauren Welch, Urban Corps development manager, and grant author. “They put in some new trails, barbed wire, removed invasive plants, cleared brush and provided water-quality improvements and restoration activities.”

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transformational project in the community, themed Anchor Lights, on Rosecrans Street. This multi-phased project includes the installation of a series of string lights across Rosecrans Street from Talbot to Cañon Street.

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

- Major upgrades are planned for Peninsula Family YMCA. The existing building is to be renamed the Ryan Family YMCA and will include: a 22,000-square-foot facility with expanded parking; a Child Discovery Center and outdoor play space; fitness studios; modern locker rooms and amenities; an enrichment program and event space; and a 1,200-square-foot rooftop deck.
- The seventh annual Bike For Boobs fundraising bicycle ride for breast cancer awareness on Nov. 9 started and ended at The Wine Club on Shelter Island.
- Community planners failed to thwart City plans to build a new estimated $1.1 million, ADA-compliant ramp at Dog Beach in Ocean Beach. The City Council voted unanimously Nov. 19 to deny an appeal brought by Ocean Beach Planning Group, which voted overwhelmingly in August against the City’s proposed replacement ramp.
- The grand marshals for the 40th anniversary of the OB Holiday Parade themed Miracle On Newport Avenue, were the family that started it all: the James brothers of the James Gang Co. printers. “Actually, it was my late brother, Rich James, who started it,” said Mike James of his family’s business and their historic contribution to the beach community’s annual holiday tree planting and festive parade.

**Guardian Angels plan to start new chapter in Ocean Beach**

By Dave Schwab | THE BEACON

The game plan is for the Guardian Angels to be on patrol in Pacific Beach soon (with Ocean Beach next) and eventually throughout San Diego.

The New York City-based non-profit volunteer organization of unarmed crime-prevention revealed its intent in October to make PB its first neighborhood stop.

Still in the process of forming, new PB Guardian Angel’s chapter leader Ryan Luke noted the chapter conducted its first “mission.”

“Our Sacramento chapter came down and took us on a preliminary patrol,” said Luke, adding it takes time to recruit volunteers who are trained in self-defense, basic martial arts, CPR, law, communication and conflict resolution. Guardian patrols protect the most vulnerable residents while responding to criminality within the law, all without weapons.

“We’re non-confrontational, non-hands-on,” said Luke. “Basically, if we see something, we call the police to try and handle it. We’re out there trying to make the neighborhood and streets safe. Just our presence alone serves as a deterrence.”

Another PB Guardian Angel volunteer, Sarah Bonesteel, agreed their inaugural patrol went well.

“It was neat to see the way the town accepted us,” she said. “They stopped and talked with us. People were asking, ‘When can we come over their way and do some recruiting?’”

Bonesteel noted the new PB chapter even has plans to create a “junior” group.

“We’ve got a youth program for ages 5 and up in the works that just got approved,” said Bonesteel. “It won’t necessarily be a patrol, but something more like the Boy and Girl Scouts. The idea is to take it to the next level.”

Originally formed by Curtis Sliva and 12 dedicated volunteers in New York City in 1979, the first “Magnificent 13” Guardian Angels rode subways. In the 40 years since, thousands of people have joined the group creating chapters in over 130 cities in 13 countries to protect their communities and substantially improve the quality of life.

On its Facebook page, the Pacific Beach Guardian Angels state their mission: “...is to provide positive role models for today’s youth and work toward promoting community safety and betterment for the good of society overall.”

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Happy New Years!
The Peninsula Family YMCA, serving the Point Loma and surrounding areas for nearly 50 years, was renamed to the T. Claude and Gladys B. Ryan Family YMCA (affectionately referred to as the Ryan Family YMCA). The official renaming ceremony took place on Saturday, Dec. 14 with more than 50 donors, community members, volunteers and staff witnessing the historic event.

T. Claude Ryan arrived in San Diego in 1922 and made an immeasurable impact on the aviation industry, as well as in the community. Claude and his wife Gladys Bowen, a school teacher, created the Ryan Family Charitable Foundation, which has supported over 120 charities. Renaming the Y branch in their honor recognizes their values and legacy in the community.

“We are here to celebrate the generous gift on behalf of Mr. Jerry and Mrs. Anne Ryan honoring their family,” said Lisa D’Angelo, area vice president for the YMCA of San Diego County. “We are truly humbled with the gratitude of this generous gift to the Peninsula community.”

During the ceremony, David Ryan, grandson of T. Claude and Gladys B., shared stories and memories of his grandparents and their legacy in San Diego. Jerry Ryan, son of T. Claude and Gladys, was previously asked by Y leaders what they would like to honor about their parents. Jerry’s answer – to recognize strong moral values, the importance of family and commitment to the community, as a model for generations to come.

Jordan Beane, a representative from District 2 Councilmember Jennifer Campbell’s office, presented a district proclamation to the family and the Y, officially celebrating Dec. 14 as “Ryan Family YMCA Day” to commemorate the honor.

The Ryan Family’s generosity, along with other gracious donors and volunteers, will help the Y improve this facility to serve more individuals and families for generations to come. More details on the future of the facility can be found at ymca.sd.org/spiritofcommunity.

“Our YMCA isn’t just a building – it’s a community of people dedicated to serving others, supporting children and staying healthy in spirit, mind and body,” added D’Angelo. “We are able to continue making an impact on our community because of the Ryan Family.”

**Peninsula Family YMCA renamed for Ryans after 50 years**

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**CHRISTMAS TREES**

We all love our beautiful Christmas trees, but if yours is a real tree, there comes a time when you have to say goodbye. And the County urges everyone to recycle their real trees properly. Check with your waste hauler to find out if they offer curbside pickup — many do. Or go to the County’s recycling and hazardous waste database WastefreeSD.org to find Christmas tree drop-off sites near you. Type “Christmas tree” in the “find an item” box, add your ZIP code, community and how you heard about the site, and you’ll see all the drop-off locations near you. Don’t leave your old, dry tree or wreaths lying in your backyard. They can become fire hazards. Putting them in the trash takes up space in landfills and generates unwanted greenhouse gases when they decompose. Properly recycled trees and wreaths can be turned into mulch that will improve soil health and help soil retain moisture at our parks, farms, home gardens and landscapes.

**CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY CARD RECYCLING**

Gift-giving and online shopping typically means lots of packaging. Not all packaging can be safely recycled. For example, cardboard boxes can be recycled (just break them down and put them into your recycling). But manila envelopes and bubble-wrap can not be recycled. So please DO NOT put them into your recycling bins; consider re-using them instead. Here’s a recent DPW Facebook post with more information about what can and can’t be recycled.

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While the daytime panels are sure to be informative, for many the event’s highlight promises to be the Band & Brew Crawl. Taking place after the day’s schedule, 40 bands form at four Ocean Beach venues, including Winston’s, The Holding Company, The Harp and the OB Company, The Harp and the OB Brewery. Although most acts will be new to the area, a number of locally-based artists are featured, including Cheyenne Benton, Golda, The Frets, MDRN HSTRY, Aviator Stash, Digital Lizards of Doom/ Gallie Fisher, Belladon and Daniel Jay Woods. More than 3,000 artists sign up each year and we pick 40 to take part, so you know that these are performers who are a cut above,” Coffing said. Coffing considers Ocean Beach to be the perfect location for this event. “It’s just a great area in general, but I especially love that all of the venues are only 100 yards apart,” he remarked. “This makes it easy to get between the clubs to see the different artists or go straight from a seminar to a live show.” Performers will play 30-minute sets of all original music, with 15 minutes between band breaks. “We have it set up so that if someone wanted to, it would be possible to catch two or three songs from every artist on the bill,” Coffing said. “We think Springboard is im portant for bands because you hear so many different things on how to get your band off the ground and this event lets you talk directly to professionals who have been lived and worked in the industry,” said Greg Kellogg guitarist/vocalist for Aviator Stash. “There are so many things to learn about the music in dustry that can only be taught by people who have experienced it in their actual life.” Cody Seeger, guitarist for The Frets agrees. “We feel an event like this helps young musicians learn the ins and outs of the industry; what’s new, what to avoid etc. In addition to that, the networking with fellow artists and industry professionals is amazing.” Plans are already underway for the next edition of Springboard West. “2020 will be big in that we are hoping to host three Springboard’s across the coun try,” Coffing said. “And we will definitely be back in San Diego in 2021. There are so many great bands out there that we can help.” He sees the event’s creation as a way to give back. “Very much so, from me to the next generation,” Coffing said good-naturedly. “I have two kids that it looks like are going into music. Not everyone has a dad who can help them navigate the music biz, but through Springboard West we can impart that sort of information to many new artists.”

Coffee, cornflakes and networking at Peninsula Breakfast Club

Peninsula merchants wanting to improve their business-to-business networking need look no further than Peninsula Breakfast Club. Around for more than 25 years, the business networking group meets the first and third Thursdays from 7 to 8 a.m. at The Bay Club Hotel & Marina. 2131 Shelter Island Drive. The hour-long breakfast meet - ings feature two speakers giving 10-minute speeches on their businesses. “It’s made up of local businesses in Point Loma and Ocean Beach,” said Chris Man nerino of Pacific Sotheby International Realty. “We’re always looking for new businesses to come forward.” Mannerino said business partner, Mark Winkler, started the organi - zation about 26 years ago. “At present, the club counts amongst its members a Realtor, a dentist, an attorney, a car detailer and many more occupations. The networking group, currently numbering about 25 members, does not allow competing members from the same business category. “We’re building lifelong rela - tionships with these people,” said Mannerino. “I’ve earned their trust — they’ve earned mine.” Mannerino added the purpose of the group is to help support member businesses through referrals. “We support each other by using the businesses ourselves, as well as referring out to other people,” he said.

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THE PENINSULA BEACON
Kitten Lady gets personal rescuing at-risk kittens in San Diego

by Victoria Davis | The Beacon

Two book releases in the last couple months, an appearance on Animal Planet, and a recent award show all signal that Hannah Shaw has been able to make a name for herself in the public eye. But also the ripple effect of her high-energy and hands-on approach regarding kitten advocacy, rescue and education.

“This has all happened much to my surprise and delight,” said Shaw, founder of the nonprofit Orphan Kitten Club, which provides lifesaving operations and the world’s first grant program specifically focusing on innovation in kitten welfare. “When people realize that these babies are all unique and so worthy of protection, I think that it gets a lot of people to go out and sign up to foster in their own communities.”

Nicknamed the “Kitten Lady,” Shaw provides educational media and training resources on her website and social media, as well as instructional workshops, all to help individuals and animal shelters learn how to save the lives of kittens.

“I wanted to create a fun community where people could see up close and personal what it looks like to rescue kittens, and also help people to feel like they know the individual animal,” said Shaw, who tries to share all the intimate moments she has with her rescued kittens, from helping them through a disease to getting them their first steps, making them make or even writing songs about the kittens.

“It hopefully helps with finding adopters and encouraging more fostering,” said Shaw. Working closely with the San Diego Humane Society, East County Animal Rescue and Love Your Feral Felines, Shaw has helped to rescue dozens of kittens (and two neonatal piglets) since moving from Washington to San Diego, including Flapjack, a malnourished orange tabby who was covered in fleas when Shaw and her team found him in Spring Valley.

“Hannah has done a great deal for kittens all across the world through her humane education program, and now that Hannah is in San Diego, we are proud to have her Orphan Kitten Club as a rescue partner,” said Jackie Noble, nursery manager at San Diego Humane Society. “Not only does OKC care for these kittens at their in-home Kitten Nurseries, they also help us to extend our community through their Full Circle TNR (trap-neuter-return) program. Talk about the ‘purrfect’ partnership!”

Though his brother didn’t survive, Flapjack regained his health and was the inspiration for Shaw’s new Full Circle Program, where Shaw and her nonprofit team go out and sterilize the family, or colony, of the kitten they rescue.

“When we picked him up, we saw just how many cats there were in just his colony living as strays,” said Shaw. “These cats are coming into shelters at the rate that they are because there’s so many community cats outside. There’s no harsh winters in San Diego, so it’s kitten season year-round here.”

Orphan Kitten Club also takes on cases where the kitten’s condition is more challenging, perhaps too challenging for the average shelter, such as their most recent addition to Shaw kitty nursery, the taxidermy kitten named Apple. Apple was born with Swimmer Syndrome so her hind legs spread out like a frog’s, inhibiting her from walking.

For the next few weeks, Shaw will be wrapping and taping Apple’s legs so they can grow in a normal posture.

“A lot of kittens like her are euthanized because she can’t walk, but with us she will get to live a normal life,” said Shaw. “We work with the kittens that no one else will.”

Shaw is also a New York Times bestselling author, with her educational book on the U.S. kitten crisis “Tiny But Mighty.” Shaw is also released the children’s book, “Kitten Lady’s Big Book of Little Kittens,” in October. The book takes children through the life of foster kittens. Both books can be found at Barnes & Noble or on Shaw’s website, kittenlady.com.

“It’s all a lot more personal for me now,” said Shaw, who had been an activist for many years but never planned on getting this hands-on with the work.

“It’s not just theoretical. It’s not just data. You’re not just trying to convince people something matters because you read a statistic,” she said. “You’re literally looking at a little life in the palm of your hand and knowing that there are so many other little lives just like that who are out there in need of love and support and care.

“That’s why, whenever I teach, I teach using stories. It’s not a theory, it’s a real kitten that you can hold and see and feel and that needs your help.”

To apply to adopt any of Shaw’s rescues, visit orphankittenclub.org.

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The new ride will be the tallest, fastest and longest dive coaster in California.

New roller coaster to be named after penguin

SeaWorld has announced Emperor as the name of the park’s new dive coaster scheduled to open in summer 2020. This roller coaster will be the tallest, fastest and longest dive coaster in California, as well as the only floorless dive coaster in the state.

Named for the world’s largest penguin, the new coaster will mimic this species’ amazing underwater diving ability. Emperor penguins can dive to a depth of 1,800 feet.

Climbing to 151 feet with feet dangling in the air, riders on Emperor will be suspended on a 45-degree angle at the crown of the ride before plunging down a 143-foot facedown vertical drop accelerating to more than 60 miles per hour. Riders will also experience inversions, barrel roll, Immelmann loop, hammerhead turn, and flat spin as they race along the nearly 2,500 feet of track.

Each of the floorless ride cars will hold 18 riders in three, six-person rows. This is the first seating configuration of its kind in North America.

“There will be no other coaster experience like this in California,” said Marilyn Hannes, SeaWorld San Diego’s park president.

“Emperor will also thrill our coaster enthusiasts and also serve as an attraction that educates guests about the importance of animal and conservation issues.”

This attraction will highlight an important new animal-conservation partnership between SeaWorld and Penguins International that will focus on penguin awareness and the conservation needs of this aquatic bird. A portion of the proceeds from sales of penguin merchandise at the Emperor retail store will be donated to Penguins International to support their important conservation, education, and research efforts.

“We are excited to enter into this partnership with SeaWorld,” said David Schatt, president of Penguins International. “It’s an amazing opportunity that will help advance our penguin conservation programs at several high-priority sites and our public awareness campaigns that highlight the threats penguins face in today’s world.”

The new Emperor coaster will be located adjacent to Journey to Atlantis in the southeast corner of the park in an area that is currently a parking lot and will be built by Bolliger & Mabillard, based in Switzerland.
Point Loma boys’ soccer ranked top 10 in County

Coaching one of the San Diego CIF Section’s top boys’ soccer teams is nothing new to head coach Elliott Savitch (now in his 10th season) and his team.

Last year, Savitch’s boys put on an incredible show in the top match of the season, the Open Division championship game played at Mission Bay. Listed as big underdogs to county power Torrey Pines, the Pointers played their hearts out in a nail-biting match that saw the team’s end regulation play tied 3-3. An overtime period didn’t break the tie. In the following shootout, the Falcons prevailed 4-2 to capture the crown.

In 2018 his team won the CIF Div. I title with a hard-fought battle against Scripps Ranch that also went to a shootout after the two sides were knotted at 1-1 after regulation and overtime.

As far back as 2017, his Pointers lost a heartbreaking CIF Open Division semifinal game to St. Augustine in a shootout after the two teams battled to a scoreless tie in regulation and overtime. Every year Savitch’s teams have played smart, tough soccer, sacrificing their bodies to curve out wins that put them not only into playoffs but earn the respect of coaches and players countywide.

This year is no different. A number of Pointer mainstays from last year’s team have graduated but another underclassman is always prepared to step up and fill any gaps that exist. Players like Chris Bourdon, Will Barba, and others have gone on to college but those underclassmen have helped the Pointers move up to a No. 4 ranking of all teams in the CIF’s San Diego Section. The teams above them are not strangers. Ranked first is Torrey Pines once again with St. Augustine occupying the second slot. La Costa Canyon has the third spot while below the Pointers are Canyon Crest, Cathedral Catholic, San Pasqual, Oceanview, Westview with Scripps Ranch rounding out the top ten.

The Pointers have posted a 7-3 record in non-league play and will begin their brutal Western League schedule Jan. 10 against Scripps Ranch.

One particularly difficult period on the schedule requires the Pointers to play an 11 a.m. non-league game at Torrey Pines on Jan. 11 just 16 hours after their league opener. Other Western League teams include St. Augustine, Cathedral Catholic, and Hoover.
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