Replacing Ocean Beach’s aging library with a modern facility that is triple the size of the current building was the community’s No. 1 priority next to replacing the city’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) list. It’s the first time the Ocean Beach Planning Board (OBPB) has been invited to help prioritize items in the city’s capital improvement project (CIP) budget. This budget includes outlays for unique, often large-scale construction projects that enhance public assets like parks, beaches and roadways.

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

Diana Dressler of Point Loma and her friend, Barb Marfield, took a recent tour of Washington, D.C. “This picture is taken of us at the White House … of course we brought our Beacon along!” says Dressler.
PLNU shares role in new human-trafficking study

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

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

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

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

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

The new research builds on a year-long study of gangs in San Diego and Tijuana, which established that 10 San Diego gangs are involved in sex trafficking.

Gates co-chairs the Research and Data Subcommittee of the multi-agency San Diego County Regional Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (RHT-CSCE) Advisory Council. The council’s ultimate goal is to reduce human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children in San Diego County and the Mexico border region.

“Our work lays the foundation for a system of integrated data collection across the county and serves as a model to other regions,” said Gates. “We have also established something we’re calling RADAR (Research and Data Advisory Roundtable) on human trafficking, HT-RADAR is an independent collaborative of professional researchers to San Diego County pooling our knowledge and research resources to better understand and address this complex and multi-faceted social problem. For more information, visit www.pointloma.edu. — Staff and contribution

Chief economist to release post-election economic forecast

Will the fiscal fog clear? Point Loma Nazarene University chief economist Lynn Reaser, Ph.D., will join California Controller John Chiang on Thursday, Nov. 1, at PLNU’s Economic Outlook 2013.

The timely forum will discuss the impact of the November election, including housing, recovery, recession and sequestration. Involved insights will be provided throughout the forum by national and global economies in the year ahead, with a special focus on technology, military and military.

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

Reaser, who was recently named chief economist for the National Association of Business Economics (NABE), will discuss the 2013 outlook for the national, national and local economies and financial markets.

The breakfast is at 7 a.m. For ticket information, visit www.pointloma.edu/FBEI, or call (619) 849-7068.
We’ve been doing this forever, just like everybody else around here,” said Connors. “At least twice a year we have a big party: an ‘afternoon’ party and a ‘before school’ party. Never have I heard of such a thing [no burning of pallets allowed] until today, when someone else advised me that it can’t be used for pallets for firewood. I thought they were kidding.”

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

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

“We pay very high taxes to live here at the beach,” said one fire-pit owner who has lived in the Ocean Beach area on off for 30 years. “We should be able to enjoy the beach and use it.”

Connors agreed. “I think we have too many ridiculous laws around here,” he said. “First the smoking and alcohol ban, then the tent ban, then the smoking and alcohol ban, the tent ban, then the smoking and alcohol ban, the tent ban, then the smoking and alcohol ban.”

But in the eyes of many appears to be wooden pallets. After all, they’re free, widely accessible, and beaches is prohibited under city code, so the next cheapest option in the eyes of many appears to be wooden pallets.

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

The municipal code also prohibits: leaving fires unattended; fires must be extinguished, cleaned up and fire debris deposited in a city-provided hot- coals container; the use of sand and/or dirt to extinguish fires; unused wood, coal and other fire residue other than ash.

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

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“I think [the prohibition is] OK. We got no problem buying firewood and leaving any type of solid residue other than ash. Even though there is no specific mention of pallets, which would probably explain the confusion. Knish said the pallet prohibition should be “self-explanatory.”

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-- Neal Putnam

Liberty Station to fete Convair with new exhibit

The NTC Foundation at Liberty Station is preparing to curate another permanent exhibit honoring Reuben H. Fleet and the impact contractor Consolidated Aircraft Corp. (later Convair) had on San Diego’s economy and the lives of San Diegans during World War II and beyond. The exhibit, being installed now at the former Naval Training Center inside the historic NTC Command Center at 2640 Historic Decatur Road, will be the Souls’ Home Tour event Nov. 17 at 10:30 a.m., during which former Consolidated Aircraft employees and their families are asked to bring artifacts and stories from their experiences with the company. Historian Jennifer Garey will be on hand to view artifacts and record stories for consideration in the exhibit. The NTC Foundation will dedicate a bench in the Sybil Stockdale Rose Garden in the name of William F. Chana, a test pilot for Consolidated Aircraft and author of the book "Roger, Over & Out.”

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"There are so many people helping," Pitta said. "Artwork by Barton and his artist parents also will be auctioned. Community members with auction or raffle donations are asked to contact Pitta at rptitta@cox.net. Friends of Will Barton Fund, " Chase Bank, 1740 Rosecrans St., San Diego, 92106.

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“The Centurions, clearly struggling below his season average of 163 yards, Pierre Cormier to 78 yards — 85 yards in a 42-3 first-round mismatch Nov. 9. After disposing of University City High football playoff game at Lincoln High field, the rematch should be a 43-yard pass from Branden Martin to Jamal Agnew, taking the Pointers to the UC 11 tackles and an interception followed by Terrence Bower (six tackles), Ersan (5) and Jake Virissimo, Arreola and Wilburn with four each.
Moving Mom and Dad to Assisted Living

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Joan’s parents, John and Anna, had been married more than fifty years and were doing well. Then Anna began having short-term memory loss and then she broke her hip which put her in a rehabilitation facility for three months. Joan was at a loss of what to do when her mother was ready to leave the facility.

She contacted Innovative Healthcare Consultants, a Geriatric Care Management company, who met with the entire family. Even though Anna wanted to stay in her home forever, it wasn’t practical as John could not manage the demands of her illness at home. The nurse at Innovative was able to help Joan find an assisted living home with specialized dementia care for Anna with a senior apartment complex for her dad. John saw this as a huge benefit as he was able to see Anna every day but still can golf and do all the things he loves without the worry of leaving Anna. Call Innovative Healthcare at (877) 731-1442 to talk to a nurse or view our website at www.innovativehc.com.

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Point Loman wins gold at Disabled National Sailing Championships

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, visit Levinson’s personal website at ryanlevinson.com, or contact Andrew Fisher and Mike Hersey. The latter’s team included East Coast residents Andrew Fisher and Mike Hersey. The former dominated the regatta with first-place finishes in six of the eight races, despite facing competition that included a Para-olympic silver medalist and a former world champion.

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

The win for the Sea Lions improved their overall record to 10-15 on the season in the NCAA Division II conference on Nov. 10 against Dominican. The Sea Lions are 8-6 in conference play.

The regatta was a specially meaningful one for Levinson as he is facing competition that included a Para-olympic silver medalist and a former world champion.

Levinson, who suffers from FSH muscular dystrophy, a genetic disorder that causes muscles throughout his body to progressively weaken over time, has won national and state championships in triathlon and cycling in the past. His recent 22-day open-ocean passage to the South Pacific placed him near the top of his sport.

Levinson has overcome this physical challenge to continue sailing at a high level, and his recent success is a testament to his determination and resilience.

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Styletes’ soul to heat up Winston’s

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

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

Harris said he is happy to be making waves with The Styletes — making music is what thrills him, while fame isn’t a concern. “I’m just a singer, I just hope I’m known to make people happy,” he said.

• The Styletes perform at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24 at Winston’s Beach Club, 1921 Bacon St. Cover TBD. 21 and up.

He said he considers the Ocean Beach neighborhood to be special. “I desperately wanna live in OB, but I’m not really beachy,” Harris said. “I don’t have any shorts or sandals. The vibe is nice though. I go there and walk, and think that area is calming. The fact that so many big shows happen on Newport Avenue is very special. Obecians are lucky.”

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SUNDAY, Nov. 18
Sunset Volleyball Club will host tryouts for all 2013 teams and hopes to add elementary school teams for the Epic Volleyball Club. Practices are run by expert coaches Sean Thomas and David Ransom. Tryouts for all teams takes place at Point Loma High School from noon to 1:30 p.m. Organizers ask participants to arrive a half-hour prior to a register and a parent meeting takes place from 1:30 to 2 p.m. For more information, email susanvolleyball10@gmail.com, or call Ransom at (619) 204-2097 or Thomas at (858) 392-3814.

MONDAY, Nov. 19
• The Ocean Beach Town Council launches its Holiday Food and Toy Donations Drive. Collection boxes will be dispersed throughout the community. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

TUESDAY, Nov. 20
• Point Loma Nazarene University’s (PLNU) Music Department continues its fall/winter concert series with The Rawlins Trio, featuring Susan Keith Gray on piano, Euroh Kim on violin and Marie-Élaine Gagnon at cello in a dynamic collection of performers, teachers and scholars on the faculty of The University of South Dakota Department of Music. The program takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the Crill Performance Hall, 3900 Lomaland Drive. For tickets, call (619) 849-2435, or visit www.pointloma.edu/music.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 21
• The Point Loma Peninsula Republican Women’s Club monthly meeting takes place at 10 a.m. at the Point Loma Cafés, 4865 Harbor Drive. Bobby Woods from USD Airport will speak. A no-host lunch follows and visitors are welcome. For more information, call Marilyn at (619) 222-9530.

• Boy Scout Troop 500 of Point Loma invites all former troop 500 Eagle Scouts and Scout masters to join in an evening of Eagle Scout Court of Honor celebrations from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish Hall at the corner of Evergreen Street and Avenida de Portugal in Point Loma. For more information, visit troop500.net, or call Scoutmaster Todd Bishop at (619) 832-9691.

TUESDAY, Nov. 27
Ocean Beach community Christmas tree arrives in OB as the Town Council’s holiday events season begins. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 28
Regular meeting of the Naval Base Point Loma’s Restoration Advisory Board scheduled for 6 p.m. in OB. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

Thursday, Nov. 29
• Local schoolchildren will help decorate the Ocean Beach community Christmas Tree. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

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

FRIDAY, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1
• The 10th annual Color Caliberation Christmas Show at Point Loma Nazarene University will feature Concert Choir, Belo and Chorale and will climax with a choral of 140. The Concert Choir and Chorale, under the direction of conductor Dr. Dan Jackson, will perform both inspirational and entertaining music throughout the event. Additional performances will include solos, duets and quartets of Christmas favorites. The hour of family entertainment will include such songs as “Sing We Now of Christmas,” “Joy to the World,” “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer” and many other Christmas favorites accompanied by a live orchestra. Come share some music and a cup of hot apple cider to welcome this holiday season. The program takes place at 6 and 8 p.m. at the Crill Performance Hall, 3900 Lomaland Drive. Tickets are $9. For ticket information, call (619) 849-2235, or visit www.pointloma.edu/music.

SATURDAY, Dec. 1
• Fun Zone in the Ocean Beach Pier parking lot features music, skating boards and many other activities from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

• Ocean Beach Craft Fair. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

• Ocean Beach StrollFront Decorating Contest judging at dusk. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

• Ocean Beach Christmas Tree Parade at 5:06 p.m. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

SUNDAY, Dec. 2
Point Loma Nazarene University’s (PLNU) Music Department continues its fall/winter concert series with “Messiah,” now being performed for 60-plus years at the university. Conductor Keith Ponderen brings Handel’s “Messiah” to life and is performed by Choral Union. The 160-voice choir consists of PLNU students, faculty, staff and a large number of dedicated community singers and the soloists are PLNU students chosen by audition. The orchestra is anchored by PLNU’s string program and augmented by members of the wind program, headed by Philip Tyler, who is a tenured violin professor and orchestra director. The evening will be conducted by Philip Tyler, who is a tenured violin professor and orchestra director. The evening will feature the 12th annual winter concert, led by Daniel M. Smith, with music, skating boards and many other activities from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Town Council at (619) 515-4400, or Claudia Jack at (619) 846-6259, or visit www.obtowncouncil.org.

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Hydrangeas still growing strong in popularity

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

Because most hydrangeas bloom on stems that developed during the previous year, they should not be pruned too much while dormant through winter. Instead, solitary (generally unbranched) stems that develop from the base last year and bloomed this year should be pruned low while mon. After getting pruned low while dormant through winter, most hydrangeas grow about three or four feet tall and broad through summer. Some can get twice as large, while many stay low and compact.

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

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

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