OBMA marks 35th birthday, host of community achievements

The Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA), the beach community’s Business Improvement District (BID), turned 35 this year and will mark that milestone with a special tribute during its annual OBMA Awards Dinner celebration Oct. 24.

BIDs are assessment districts in which business owners in a specific geographical area are assessed a fee to fund BID board-approved business-related activities and improvements within the district. Reflecting back on the evolution of Ocean Beach’s commercial strip along Newport Avenue, longtime business owners say OBMA has played a key role in raising the status of the business community allowing it to “take possession of the area.”

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“In the early days of OBMA, the area was perceived as a hard-working, middle-class neighborhood,” Gilmore said, adding that today “we’re seen as a more upscale, cosmopolitan part of the city.”

OBMA allowed merchants to band together for a common cause, said Gilmore.

“As a result, the energy level has just risen incredibly,” he said, adding there’s a committee structure in place now to implement ideas.

Gilmore said OBMA has fostered a more positive attitude within the business community allowing it to “take possession of the area.”

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Ex-Apple Tree site may get new tenant

By TONY V. GARATE | THE BEACON

The former Apple Tree Market may finally get a new tenant.

CVS Pharmacy has set its sights on the long-vacant building at 4949 Santa Monica Ave., corporate officials have confirmed.

“We are in the very early stages of planning a store at this location,” Michael DeAngelis, director of public relations, said in an email.

CVS is a well-known commodity in the area, with 26 stores in San Diego, according to their website. The store nearest the proposed location is at 3950 West Point Loma Blvd.

Apple Tree Market closed at the end of last year, ending a 25-year run, when owners of the business lost their lease. The site quickly attained eyesore status as the landscaping and parking lot weeds became overgrown, bringing homeless activity and litter.

In May, the city declared the site a public nuisance and slapped the Los Angeles-based owner, Elliot Megdal of Megdal and Associates, with an abatement order.

In June, Megdal opened up the parking lot for self-pay customers, but the building has remained vacant all year.

Steve Laub, president and owner of Land Solutions, Inc., a local project management consulting firm, confirmed he has been hired to oversee the permitting process for CVS.

Laub declined to say whether the building would be remodeled or rebuilt from scratch, or provide any other details regarding the project.

Laub was expected to appear before the Project Review Committee of the Ocean Beach Planning Board on Oct. 16 in support of a liquor license application, said Peter Ruscitti, who chairs the committee. However, no application is currently pending, according to an employee at the local office of the state Department of Alcohol Beverage Control.

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Possible permanent PLHS stadium lighting has some all lit up

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

A war of words is ensuing between factions over whether to build permanent stadium lights at Point Loma High School (PLHS) for various sports.

Meanwhile, OBMA has been chosen to be the site of a special tribute honoring the group’s many achievements, and community members alike praise the OBMA for its many achievements.

The Ocean Beach MainStreet Association is now celebrating its 35th year. Merchants and community members alike praise the organization for its many achievements, including the long-running crown jewel of local events, the OB Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off.

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“Before, there used to be this attitude of Ocean Beach being a den of iniquity,” Gilmore said. “That attitude has changed. Now it’s thought of as being a fine little beach community.”

Other merchants agree with Gilmore that OBMA has been a plus for the community over the last 35 years.

“When opened in 1984, I really didn’t have an outlet to voice my opinions and thoughts,” said OBMA member Paul Bolton of The Electric Chair and The Ocean Beach Playhouse & Arts Center.

“Since they (OBMA) have been here (Denny Knox, Claudia Jack and Liz Green) have ALWAYS answered all my
With water rates poised to rise 10.6%, the push is on for low-flow shower heads

By TONY de GARATE | The Beacon

If you’ve been putting off installing that low-flow shower head, the city may be about to give you a bit more incentive.

Water rates for the average single-family household are proposed to go up by about 10.6 percent over the next two years — and the city is sending notice to local ratepayers, beginning with its customers in Ocean Beach.

To explain the need for higher rates, officials with the city’s Public Utilities Department have kicked off an information offensive with community groups, and started Oct. 2 at the monthly meeting of the Ocean Beach Planning Board.

If 10.6 percent over two years sounds substantial, it turns out single-family households get off easier than other classes of ratepayers. Include those customers — multifamily, nonresidential and others — and rates go up by an average of 7.25 percent in January and 7.5 percent more in 2015.

The rate increase request is driven by escalating prices from the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA), where the city gets up to 90 percent of its water, said Lee Ann Jones-Santos, the department’s deputy finance director. San Diego water customers haven’t had a rate increase since 2011, even though CWA raised its rates in 2012 and again this year. The Public Utilities Department absorbed $35 million in increased costs by improved efficiencies, refinancing debt and purchasing less water thanks to better-than-average rainfall in 2011, Jones-Santos said.

The rate increases are also necessary for the credit rating of the department, which is preparing for possible big-ticket projects over the next decade having to do with desalination, indirect potable reuse, and the Point Loma water treatment plant, Jones-Santos said. Credit rating agencies prefer public-utility departments to maintain a ratio of revenues to expenditures, known as the debt coverage ratio, of 1.5.

The proposed rate increases will raise the department’s debt coverage ratio to 1.25, Jones-Santos said.

In other Ocean Beach Planning Board news

• A Town Hall to discuss the Ocean Beach Community Plan Update, a document intended to guide growth for the next 20 years, has been scheduled for Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Point Loma Masonic Lodge #620, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. The long-awaited environmental impact report that accompanies the plan is complete and available in hard-copy form at the Ocean Beach Library, 4801 Santa Monica Ave., and at oceanbeachplanning.org.
• Drew Wilson has been appointed to represent the board’s third district. Wilson said he has been a resident since March and has a degree in City Planning and Urban Studies. A new vacancy in District 4 has resulted from the resigation of Kelly Taing. More information is available at obplc.org.
**Father charged in child’s death to face trial**

A father who is charged with a hit-and-run case that led to the death of his own son and further charged with child endangerment in a crash near Rosecrans Street was given a trial date of March 17.

Angelo Arroyo Fabiani, 40, appeared Oct. 2 in San Diego Superior Court and received the trial date after he pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Fabiani remains free on $500,000 bond.

**Police probe Rosecrans Street bank robbery**

Police investigators are searching for clues to the identity of a bank robber who hit the Chase Bank on Rosecrans Street shortly before 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 5.

According to police, a white man walked into the bank and demanded money from the teller, although no demand note or weapon was seen. The suspect fled the bank with an undisclosed amount of money and a customer’s wallet that was on a counter.

The suspect was wearing a black ski mask, black hooded sweatshirt and his hair walked up.

The police department’s Robbery Unit continues to investigate.

**Woman’s body found in water off Sunset Cliffs**

The cause of death of a woman whose body was found floating near Sunset Cliffs on Oct. 2 has yet to be released by the San Diego County Medical Examiner’s Office.

Lifeguards recovered the body of a woman — described as being in her mid-20s — about 100 yards from the end of Monarch Street shortly after 12:30 p.m.

The identity of the woman is also yet to be released by the county Medical Examiner’s Office.

**Gym to host fundraiser for breast cancer awareness**

The Private Gym has assembled a variety of vendors to share their services with the public to raise money and awareness for the prevention of breast cancer. Wellness services will include chiropractic assessment and adjustment, 10-minute massages and acupuncture treatments.

Pampering will include beauty treatments for skin and hair. Entertainment will include an interactive drum circle, professional tarot card readings and body art (henna and tattoo tattoos).

The focus of this event is to educate women about a relatively new breast cancer detection process called thermography.

Thermography provides a safe, simple and painless way to identify developing cancers by carefully examining aspects of temperature and blood-vascular activity of the breasts in thermal images, signs of possible cancer or pre-cancerous cell growth may be detected within the first year of development. This provides the earliest detection of breast cancer possible; in fact, 8-10 years earlier than a mammogram, but it is also the only actual preventative screening available today.

Catherine Johnson of Silk Thermal Imaging in San Diego is a licensed thermography provider and will be available to answer questions and provide more detailed information at this event, which will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Private Gym, 4894 Valley St.

For more information, call (619) 223-6666.

**Seminar to teach small business connections**

In a rough economy, innovation is vital and forming business partnerships sometimes becomes a necessity. This is what Julie Austin, innovation keynote speaker and CEO of Speaker Sponsor, found out as she saw the number of paid speaking jobs dwindle during the Great Recession.

Austin will host “Speaker Sponsorship 101 — How to Make Six Figures a Year as a Speaker ... Using Other People’s Money,” a live seminar that teaches speakers how to partner with the small business community to form marketing partnerships that benefit both.

The seminar takes place Saturday, Oct. 26 at 1916 Quivira Way in Marina Village from noon to 4 p.m. ... Registrations open at 11:30 a.m.

Austin is combining her speaking experience and her job as a sponsorship director to create a simple formula for speakers to follow that promotes the small business sponsor and allows the speaker to make a great living.

The seminar will end with a panel discussion of industry experts on how to find speaking jobs. Whether you’re a seasoned speaker, a beginning speaker, author, expert or business coach, this seminar may change the way you think about the speaking industry and show you ways to make a six-figure salary from public speaking, regardless of the economy.

For more information, visit www-speakersponsor.com, or email info@ speakersponsor.com.
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Bolton applauded OBMA’s efforts in being “very active dealing with the home- less problem.”

Bolton said the BID has been “an advocate for all the businesses of OB dealing with crime, etc., adding “My alley on the 4900 block of Newport Avenue has had less transients and crime largely because of their hard work battling with BID for increased patrols etc. The OBMA has been a blessing for my business and for all of OB.”

Kurt Dornbush, who’s owned The Black smoke shop boutique at 5017 New- port Ave, since 1981, said OBMA “does a lot throughout the year,” pointing out one of the most important things has been working with the police to keep a handle on the large number of area transients.

Marilyn Thomas, co-owner of Nati’s Merican Restaurant at 1852 Bacon St, said OBMA “does a nice job promoting Ocean Beach with the different activities they put on and the things they’ve spon- sored.”

“I think it’s nice they bring merchants together with the different programs they offer, and just alerting merchants of the different happenings and activities that are going on throughout Ocean Beach,” Thomas said.

A $01/c6 private nonprofit, OBMA mission is to find a unique balance of eco- nomic development, within a neighbor- hood setting and through special events, to contribute to the health, welfare and pride of the coastal community. With 14 elected board members, the BID is com- mitted to preserving a healthy active community no longer has that it truly needs.

“We’d love to have a grocery store,” Dornbush said, adding that there is one business the community no longer misses a year round.

Halloween

carnival games, a costume contest for children of all ages, astro jumps and plenty of food and snacks.

Kids come in and pay $2 for a wrist band and play any of the games they want and get goody bags stuffed with prizes, toys and candy,” Napolitan said.

Sodas and hot dogs are $1. The Ocean Beach Kiwanis sponsors the rec- center Halloween carnival and helps with volunteers.

“It’s a great time and kids always have fun,” said Napolitan.

Even pets aren’t left out of Hal- loween at the beachfront as the Ocean Beach Kiwanis Club hosts a Howl-o- Ween Canine Carnival on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dasty Rhodes Park between Nimitz and Sun- set Cliffs bivouacs. Dress up your dogs in the spookiest, funniest and leastest costumes and bring them down. A pet parade takes place from 3:30 to 2:30 p.m., with prizes handed out around 3 p.m. for best costumes. For more information, visit www.ocean- beachkiwanis.org.

• Nowhere is Halloween done bigger or better in Point Loma than at the Loma Portal Monster Bash held at the elementary school at 3341 Brown- ing St. The bash puts the ghouls in school, featuring a Halloween carnival and haunted house. Stay tuned by volun- teer dads Friday, Oct. 25 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

“It’s the best haunted house in Point Loma, open to the entire community and the Dad’s Club goes all out,” boast- ed Loma Portal parent Heather Nelson. This is a PTA fundraiser offering an array of games, crafts, food and a cake- walk.

“We’ll have arts and crafts, a spooky boutique where you can get your hair spiked and colored and your nails done and Halloween tattoos,” said Nelson. Outdoor carnival fun and games include a photo booth to take pictures of kids in costume.

“Toward the end of the night, proba- bly 7:45 p.m., we’ll have all its-grades costume contest,” she said.

This will be the fourth year Loma Por- tal dad Will Hage has volunteered, along with 20 or 30 of his peers, to do the Monster Bash haunted house, which he said takes eight hours to set up and three to break down. But it’s all worth it, said Hage. So much so that volunteer school dads keep coming back for more.

“It’s one of those things that gets pro- gressively bigger and better each and every year,” Hage said.

A few dads on the crew continue to help with the haunting event, even though their kids have graduated, because “they feel obligated and it’s such a fun time.”

Hage said the haunted house this year for the first time will be in a huge tent outside on the school blacktop.

“Kids first go through a maze,” Hage said. “Then, they come out and see a ouiji board with an animated pointer that moves back and forth by itself,”

Hage said school dads bring all their expertise to bear to create things like a haunted portrait and an eerie grave- yard. “One of the dads is a professional stagehand and we have all professional lighting and video, all first-class,” Hage said. He said one dad who is a band member turns into a dead Elvis, play- ing keyboards in the school haunted house’s graveyard.

“Kids are scared to death when they first go through,” said Hage. “But it’s funny. Once they go in, they go back through over and over again.”

Other local Halloween happenings

• Silver Gate Elementary School in Point Loma presents its annual Harvest Festival. This will feature a haunted hallway from 5 to 8 p.m. at 1499 Venice St, on Friday Oct. 18 and is open to the public. Guests are invited to join the games, food, laser tag and other Hal- loween fun activities. The event features a Halloween costume contest, haunted hallway, carnival for the children, pumpkin patch, face painting and more. Tickets are available at the event. For more information, visit www.sandit.net/silvergate. or call (619) 231-1139.

• Have a screamin’ good time at Cor- reia Middle School’s Spooktacular Music Concert at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 4102 Valeria St, Correia’s tal- ented advanced band, intermediate band and orchestra will perform in the Correia courtyard. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner, delicious treats, a cakewalk and cake-decorating contest. Dare to enter the haunted middle school auditorium — ooooh, scary! All proceeds benefit the Correia Instrumental Music program and Correia’s ASB.

• Cabrillo Elementary School PTA and Cabrillo Recreation Center will host an annual Halloween Carnival at Cabrillo Elementary School, 3120 Tal- bot St., from 5 to 8 p.m. The event will include a spooky haunted hallway, game booths, carnival rides, cakewalk, prizes and food. Tickets are available at the carnival.
Anti-stadium lights campaign sending the wrong message

By BRANDT TRUVER

Like many of you, I have been seeing the signs and banner that say, “Save Our Neighborhood.” Also like many of you, I have wondered about what does that even mean? On my way home from work, I’ll often drive by the football field on Rosecrans Street, and I saw a table with two people standing behind it. The table was surrounded by the signs and banner that said “info,” so I had to stop.

I had heard that these signs were in reference to a long-debated issue of putting lights on the Point Loma High School football field. I was born and raised in Point Loma, went to Loma Linda Elementary, Correia Jr. High, and Point Loma High in 2006. It’s with this experience I feel I can weigh in on this issue.

The two women behind the table were very go-getters as I asked them what exactly they were supporting. I found out the issues were, first priority, stop PLHS from installing those lights on the Rosecrans football field. With the lights come increased noise around the field, traffic and the possibility that outside organizations will rent the field (mainly the Rock Church for its football games). The two women also claimed that the lighting would only benefit the Rock Church and not the community.

The lights bring in kids who want to drink and party and they also leave behind a lot of trash. I’m told that outside organizations have been reported and the school has no money to pay for police presence during the games — only Security Company, whose officers cannot enforce any rules outside the fences. I’ve also heard that many residents of Point Loma feel that if the lights are only for the football team, why should they get all the money? Now I can see why you know, I am 100 percent for the lights, and here’s why. While at PLHS, I played varsity soccer and tennis. The soccer team made it to CIF playoffs every year and the tennis team entered the tournament each year, as well. It’s my best guess that, at no soccer match did we ever see more than 50 people, and not more than 20 at any tennis match. It’s not very fun for an athlete to compete when there is no school support for all the hours of practice they put in. The theory that this is only for the football team is also false; with football games come so much more traffic, football games there is the band, cheer squad and dance team. With the football team this easily amounts to well over 150 kids performing at each football game, and that’s a lot of parents who want to see their children.

I am with the supporters in that the trash and trespassing is completely wrong and should not be tolerated by school officials. However, PLHS does not have lights currently and these problems are already taking place.

I wish that on Friday I could have grabbed dinner with my buddies and watched our football team beat up on Jolla High. Its true the Rock Church may rent the field for their games, and some residents are worried that the Rock Church, PLHS will like Rosecrans Street on a Sunday. The church members are not going to come watch the games, only the parents and other students.

The women behind the table told me clearly in their sign that they are supporting extra police patrols. So from what I gathered, as a community, we are pooling our money and resources together to fight against light pollution. However, wouldn’t it be better to try to gain support to stop the problem that already exists of trash and partying?

Save Our Neighborhood could try to fundraise to hire more security or even a few SDPD officers during the home games. Furthermore, wouldn’t an increased revenue of more ticket sales or even renting the field only enhance other collective efforts. Instead of the other teams and clubs relying so heavily on booster clubs for their budgets, some money could be channeled to them. We, as a community, should not be looking for ways to take activities away from students that keep them at school. But instead of trying to promote school spirit, community spirit and provide a safe place for them to spend a Friday night with their friends.

The lights are a perfect place to do this support from the community, school officials and — as much as I wish it wasn’t necessary — law enforcement, is there. I’m all for Save Our Neighborhood, but let’s change the focus. Let’s bring back the sense of community we all love about Point Loma.

Todd Gloria, interim mayor of San Diego

I’m happy to report the work in the Mayor’s Office is charging full-steam ahead. My staff and all city employees are dedicated to doing the peoples’ work. They are knowledgeable professionals in their respective fields and are committed to being responsive and helpful to you.

I invite you to visit our new mayor’s web page to communicate with me and keep abreast of what we’re working on. Just how much can I accomplish in 81 days between when I took on this role and the Nov. 19 election? Visit the web page to communicate with me and the Nov. 19 election? Visit the web page to communicate with me and all city employees.

I appreciate the input provided from passionate San Diegans on both topics, and the measures we’re developing will be publicly vetoed prior to their consideration by the City Council. It’s essential your voices are heard. My decisions are always informed by your input.

Just like your participation guides our actions at City Hall, San Diego’s interests must be well-represented in Washington, D.C. I am proud that this week, we have rehired lobbying firms to represent the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce the first week of Oct. and met with key stakeholders to advocate for San Diego on Capitol Hill.

So what have I learned during these last few weeks as interim mayor? I’ve learned I really love this job. I love the people side of it, the consensus-building side of it, the making progress side of it. Making no progress, in my mind, is a demoralizing job and I do my best to balance my roles as interim mayor, City Council president and councilmember. But at the end of the day, making progress is what it’s all about — diverse stakeholders coming to the table with different ideas on how we can collectively make things better place to live. This is a great gift.

There is much work to be done between now and when a new mayor takes office. I appreciate your continued patience and participation in these upcoming months. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Mayor’s Office is taking enforcement of dispensary, food trucks seriously

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Fundraising golf tournament to help defray medical costs for shooting victim, a PLHS alum

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

While he can’t yet grip a golf club, shooting victim Will Barton said he is eagerly awaiting an upcoming tournament that will help defray the enormous costs of the physical therapy his family is paying as he continues to make remarkable daily strides almost one year after a near-fatal attack.

Barton, now 21, is a 2010 graduate of Point Loma High School who was shot and gored out, for no clear reason, by a former Cal Fire firefighter whose San Diego crime spree was aimed at killing any former police officers who had arrested him. Barton was not in law enforcement and was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.

As he walked down a Balboa Park area street in the early morning Oct. 29, Barton was shot three times from behind and left for dead in the street.

A team of Mercy Hospital trauma doctors, led by neurologist Dr. Vikram Udani, decided to work on Barton despite the bleak initial assessment that Barton could not be saved.

One bullet that went through Barton’s right shoulder severed main arteries in his right arm, which caused the problems he is currently experiencing with his body’s right side. Another bullet remains lodged in his body’s right side. Barton will attend the golf tournament and is hoping for a big response from the community.

For tournament signups, visit www.birdeasepro.com/StrongWill. For more information, call Jeff Harrison at (619) 846-9995.

EVENT NOTES
• Tournament organizers say entrants will receive gifts and merchandise worth $150 for their $175 entry fee.
• On-site registration begins at 9 a.m. with golfers teeing off at 11:30 a.m. Evening events begin with a cocktail hour at 5 p.m.
• Sponsorships, starting at $250, are available for everything from golf cart signage to tournament naming rights.

Photo by Scott Hopkins I The Beacon
Nonprofit foundation created to help patients with similar needs

BY SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

It was a phone call Oct. 29 that turned their lives upside down. When Marie Najera Lonsdale and RT Lonsdale learned their energetic, easy-going son had been shot multiple times and left for dead on a San Diego street, it was the end of life as they’d known it.

“The doctors thought I would be catatonic,” Barton recalls, “hooked up to a respirator and being fed just enough liquids to sustain life.”

Barton describes his recovery outlook as “a huge light at the end of the tunnel.”

As the one-year anniversary of the shooting approaches, Barton called it a “bittersweet kind of thing, an anniversary of me pretty much dying. I’m extremely happy and thankful that I’m still alive and able to sit here on the couch and talk to you. Terrible things like this happen every day, but miracles happen every day, as well.”

Najera Lonsdale described her insurance plan as a “60/40” program, leaving her responsible for huge portions of the massive medical bills.

First, there were several weeks in the intensive-care unit at Scripps Mercy Hospital, followed by more weeks in a regular hospital room. Next came the first of several rehabilitation facilities as Barton’s medical condition improved. Finally, insurance companies delivered the dreaded message: they would not pay for any further stays in facilities. The couple had to bring their son home.

Some quick remodeling of their Bankers Hill home gave Barton access to a bedroom and bathroom. A strong metal ramp was added to the steep stairs leading from a walkway to the front door. And, despite all their difficulties, they found time to think of others. Thus, was born the nonprofit organization The Strong Will Foundation.

While it takes a year to receive tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code, Lonsdale said, “all of the paperwork has been filed.”

“As I need less and less help, we hope to make a smooth transition to continue fundraising for others who could use our help as they go through rehab,” Barton said.

That first person will be an 8-year-old local girl who is currently in rehabilitation. The foundation plans to pay for one month of her treatment at VIP Neuro Rehab with the golf tournament proceeds.

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“This proposal has been discussed many times and ways to mitigate the affects on the stadium (from lighting) have been considered and, ultimately, every time it is rejected as not being feasible,” said Jennifer Dariani, PPL spokesperson. “Nighttime lighting at the stadium is not appropriate. The only change this time is that the school site, one of the smallest in the district with one of the largest student bodies, is even more overcrowded.”

“Our main concerns are the lack of parking for people attending the event, the congestion of people trying to get in and out from stadium events, and public safety issues with people wandering the streets at night trying to find their cars, light pollution and glare, and the noise nuisance,” Dariani continued. Dariani said PPL is being misrepresentative in the media.

“This (lighting) is being presented to students as something fun and that the neighborhood just doesn’t want them to have fun,” said Dariani of PPL. “But this is an issue that’s been looked at a lot and people haven’t been able to come up with a solution. Our main goal is to educate people in the neighborhood who are not informed on the (lighting) project. We want to empower them to voice their needs and their concerns.”

In its “factual flyer,” PPLHS said Point Loma High athletic facility upgrades, including lighting, are “part of a process of modernization and establishing equity of access for all students.”

The PPLHS flyer points out that Point Loma High School is one of only three of 15 high schools in the San Diego Unified High School District (SDUSD) without field lighting.

“Lighting would increase the opportunity of usage of PPLHS athletics, band, ROTC and other student activities,” argues the PPLHS flyer. “Presently, outside parks and alternative school sites must be used to accommodate the needs. Traveling off-site has been identified as a concern by students and families because of safety and time away from studies.”

“The San Diego Unified School District is on a fast track to turn the high school stadium into a rentable sports venue,” claims anti-stadium lighting supporters, “nighttime lighting would invite an issue that’s been looked at a lot for decades, to reduce the impact of any lights.” Barnett said, adding high school nighttime events would be limited to 19 a year. “SDUSD closes nearby streets during football games and only residents go in and out. We could try that. We should have satellite parking and people shuffling in from another school. We could move the ticket gate over to Chatsworth Boulevard or build more student parking on-site. Most importantly, we will set up some restrictions of use so that inappropriate uses would not be allowed.”

Barnett said providing nighttime lighting is exactly that and nothing more.

“This is not a plan or an intent to commercialize,” he said. “This facility is for student athletes first, kids and recreational sports and then for other appropriate sports uses.”

Christy Scadden, a Point Loma High parent affiliated with PPLHS who lives near the school and has children going there, said stadium lighting “is not a new need,” pointing out the issue “is more relevant now” than it’s ever been adding PLHS has more sports teams than any other San Diego Unified School.

Scadden also feels there’s room for compromise.

“I don’t know that the lines (pro and con) are as distinct as it’s been assumed,” she said. “I think we can compromise and come to a solution that is great for our community and ensure that we have a great quality school, which is what every neighborhood wants.”

PLHS is the most severely impacted school in San Diego, with only 16.7 acres of land to serve 2,000 students, which equates to 120 students per acre. (A 2011 Peninsula Beacon article showed a campus for 2,000 high school students built today would require 51 acres). For more information, visit the anti-lighting website at www.propointlomastadium.com, while those supporting lighting and other changes can be found on Facebook at “Progress for PLHS.”

The PPLHS “Factual flyer” is at docs.google.com/file/d/0B7JMTIoyz03crEb7lEt87TMBvY/edit?usp=sharing.
Point Loma High’s offense scored on its first possession of the game Oct. 11 en route to a 42-21 thrashing of Kearny, whose once-powerful football program is struggling.

The win puts the Pointers (4-3 overall) at 1-0 in Western League play. The Komets drop to 1-5 overall and 0-1 in league.

Once an elite prep team in San Diego County, the Komets forfeited two of their scheduled three games against the Pointers last week, apparently for lack of players.

While the Pointers were able to arrange a visit to Coronado to play the freshman game, the Komets committed a huge violation of ethics by simply not showing up at Pete Ross Stadium for the Oct. 10 3 p.m. junior varsity kickoff.

A crew of game referees, athletic trainers, administrative staff, an ambulance, open snack bar and a crowd of trainers, administrative staff, an ambulance, open snack bar and a crowd of spectators turned out for the Oct. 11 7 p.m. varsity kickoff.

As a result of the Pointers’ absence, the fourth period was moved up to start at 3:42 and a varsity game was scheduled.

While the Pointers were able to match the Komets’ offensive output, they couldn’t prevent the visitors from scoring on their first possession.

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From here, the Dogs covered the distance, the touchdown coming on a lofted pass from Gavin Grady to Jake Virissimo.

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From here, the Pointers converted the distance, the touchdown coming on a lofted pass from Gavin Grady to Jake Virissimo in the left corner of the end zone from five yards out with 2:13 left in the third quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, deliberately kicked short, the ball was recovered by the Pointers and taken in, again on a short field, for their fifth score.

This drive ended on the first play of the fourth quarter when Lacy scored for the third time on a short run to build the lead to 35-14 with 11:56 remaining in the contest.

The Pointers scored again on their next drive when, on a fourth-down play from the nine-yard line, Grady tossed a screen pass to Lacy in the left flat and the senior dodged several attempted tackles to score his fourth touchdown of the game that provided the final margin.

With 8:45 still to play, Pointer reserves were given an opportunity to build playing time and perhaps some stories to tell their grandkds.

“We worked some things out offensively in the second half and found some things we could improve on and did. I was proud of our kids,” Hastings said.

Next up tomorrow night on Oct. 18 is the annual rivalry game for “The Shoe,” a once-proud trophy made using an actual football shoe left on the field after one of the earlier games in the series.

The actual trophy now reportedly resides with the side of a La Jolla football coach who passed away. An “imitation” trophy has been held by the Pointers for a number of years.

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PLNU women’s volleyball still unbeaten at home

Alyssa Dwyer had 12 kills without an error and Heather Leavitt and Kelli LeClair each added 11 kills to lead the Point Loma volleyball team to a 25-17, 25-20 and 25-13 sweep of Notre Dame de Namur on Oct. 12.

The win keeps the Sea Lions (16-3, 10-0 PacWest) perfect at home this season at 10-0. It also helps PLNU maintain a one-match lead over California Baptist in the Pacific West Conference standings.

The loss drops NDNU to 4-13 on the season and to 2-7 in the PacWest.

Point Loma Nazarene had just six hitting errors as a team to post a .483 hitting percentage for the match. This was the best attack percentage for the Sea Lions in a set since 2003 and was the fourth-best in school history. They had at least a .452 hitting percentage in each set and never committed more than three hitting areas.

Setter Savannah Wedemeyer put Point Loma’s hitters in quality attacking positions throughout the match and finished with 39 assists in the three sets. Dwyer took just 16 swings to record her 12 kills. She finished the match with a team-leading .750 hitting percentage.

Delaney McCraney also came off the bench to register seven kills and a .600 hitting percentage. Christin Fisher finished with a match-high 10 digs.

Mitchell’s goal sends Sea Lions past AAU

Much of the excitement of soccer comes from the anticipation of the moment of a goal, and the Sea Lions’ women’s soccer team made their fans wait nearly until the last possible minute to taste that excitement. Amanda Mitchell knocked in the lone goal of the match in the 89th minute off a free kick from Leah Porter to lift Point Loma to a 1-0 victory over Academy of Art on Oct. 12.

The Sea Lions are now 6-4-1 on the season and 5-1-1 on the Pacific West Conference. The 16 points PLNU has collected in the PacWest has the team tied for second place in the conference with Azusa Pacific. The loss drops Academy of Art to 2-8-1 on the season and to 1-4-1 in the PacWest.

Point Loma led in both corner kicks (4-0) and shots (16-11) in the match, but was just not able to find the goal until Porter connected with Mitchell on a set piece right in front of the net for her third goal of the season.

“The girls played really, really well from the opening whistle today,” said PLNU women’s soccer head coach Tim Hall. “Our energy levels were high and we came to play. We played well as a team throughout the match but just couldn’t get the ball in the net.”
Sage plys his talent as ex-tennis star, local musician

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It’s no secret that Southern California is a haven for musicians, but in recent years, Ocean Beach has become a particularly popular residence for musicians. From Costello tribute band The Distractions to hitmakers Slightly Stoopid, there’s a lot of prominent artists living in the area. But the case with Eric Sage.

In addition to solo work, he fronts several bands, including Bon Jovi tribute 1970s and 1980s cover band Lixx and two corporate bands, Heat and Dirty Birds. He is also frontman for the Bay City Rollers featuring Ian Mitchell, but he’s been occupied with so many musical projects, tennis is his first love. He came to music late in life, through misfortune, but tennis has always been a driving force. So much so that he has recently published a new book, “The Magic Key To Tennis — 1 Thru 10 System” and started a reality website series called “Tennis Like a Rock Star.”

Sage first arrived in San Diego from Canada in 1985 to train as a tennis professional. Within a few years, that dream was cut short. “I was a player on the pro tour and was a passenger in a car accident. Basically, my career ended. I was 24 and I had a world ranking. And I thought, ‘What the heck am I going to do with my life?’ A life in music became his alternative to a life in tennis. “My heart and soul I always loved music, but I was 25 and had never been involved in anything like that,” he said. “So I decided to teach tennis in Los Angeles by day and study vocals and piano composition for five or six hours into the night. I did that for 12 years.”

Now an established musician with decades of experience behind him, Sage joined up with the Bay City Rollers featuring Ian Mitchell in 2008, via a nationwide search for a front man. They saw an online video and called me in for an audition,” he said. “It just clicked that day. We went out and talked and they asked me to join.” The band is on a short hiatus, but work has begun on an album with original materials. “We’ve only played nationwide so far, but hopefully with a new album we can go farther,” he said. Sage said he is thrilled with the heavy work load. “I just love music so I wanted to make it my full-time passion. It’s not really a job for me, but somehow, I get paid for playing all over the country,” he said.

While music is his main occupation, tennis remains important to him. His new book shows his efforts to combine elements of both. “While I was studying music, I was also teaching select students and celebrities like George Clooney and Alec Baldwin. I was trying to figure out ways to help my students and I had a break-through through about a connection between my two passions,” he said.

Taking the music and tennis combination one step further is Sage’s web series, “Tennis Like A Rockstar,” with the first two episodes available online.

“We’re hoping to shop it around after we get a few more episodes in the can,” he said.

Of all the different aspects of the projects Sage is currently involved in, he cites performing as his favorite. “I enjoy all types of music, but what I love most is entertaining,” he said. “It all started when I would go to concerts as a kid and I would watch certain performers on stage and just be blown away. And I would think to myself I want to be doing this, not watching it.”

For more information, visit www.themagickeytotennis.com.

Largest exhibition of life, art of Frida Kahlo premieres at Liberty Station

The rich and colorful life of Frida Kahlo is revealed in “The Complete Frida Kahlo: Her Paintings, Her Life, Her Story, The Exhibition,” which is making its U.S. premiere in San Diego from Oct. 19 through Jan. 10 at Liberty Station. This is the only exhibition worldwide where all of her paintings can be seen in one place. Some paintings, especially from Kahlo’s early years, have never before been seen.

Presented by Global Entertainment Properties, LLC (GEP), the exhibition features 123 replicas of her known paintings in original size and original materials, and handpainted in the same style as Kahlo painted them. These replicas, owned by GEP, are painted by master artists and licensed by ©Banco de Mexico Diego Rivera & Frida Kahlo Museums Trust/VG Bild-Kunst, Bonn 2008.

The exhibition is co-curated by Dr. Mariella Remund and Hans-Jürgen Gehrke, passionate art lovers and collectors, and founders of the Kunstmuseum Gehrke-Remund in Baden-Baden, Germany, the city where Kahlo’s father spent his youth before emigrating to Mexico. Their vision for this exhibition was to not only touch the eyes and minds of the visitors, but above all, their hearts.

“Working with the talented and knowledgeable team from the Kunstmuseum Gehrke-Remund will allow us to bring an exhibition that represents the largest and most complete Frida Kahlo collection ever assembled to audiences for the first time,” said Martin Biallas, CEO of GEP. “Now visitors will be able to see every aspect of her life through this extensive collection of paintings, artifacts and photographs.”

According to Gehrke, “The exhibition is about more than just her paintings; it’s about gaining an understanding and appreciation of her life, her contributions to the world of art, her ideas on love and relationships, as well as her views on politics.” Also on display are over 500 fascinating possessions — jewelry, dresses and adornments identical to those Kahlo surrounded herself with, coming from the collection of the Kunstmuseum Gehrke-Remund in Germany. All are handmade using traditional methods, materials and tools.

There is also a substantial collection of photos of Kahlo, her family and friends in her work and life environments and a large collection of pre-Colombian through present-day Mexican folk art, which held a position of great importance in her and husband Diego Rivera’s lives.

Among the photos, the most admired is the stunning portrait of Kahlo taken by Nickolas Muray in 1939. This photograph, “Frida in Blue Dress,” is a limited edition of a portrait of Kahlo taken by Murray during their 10-year romantic relationship. Born in Coyoacan, Mexico City, in 1907, Kahlo became revered as one of the most influential artists of the 20th century. Through her art she championed the Mexican culture and became an icon in art, fashion, women’s issues and politics. Her striking images, tumultuous relationships, passionate and tragic life story continue to captivate a constantly growing worldwide following.

The exhibition is on display in historic Barracks 3 at the NTC Arts & Culture District in Liberty Station, 2765 Truxtun Road, 92106. Audio guides are available in English and Spanish.

Tickets go on sale Oct. 3 and are available online and at the door; they range from $12.50 to $16.50. The exhibition is open from Tuesday through Sunday. Details can be found at www.completefrida.com.

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nity resources necessary for successfully transitioning to life after injury. A key part of this program is support and education for Wounded Warriors and their family members.

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Combat Stress Recovery Program addresses mental health needs of Wounded Warriors and the key issues linked to combat stress including stigma and access to care. These signature, yet invisible, injuries are addressed through innovative programming and therapeutic options for the stages of the re-adjustment process like Project Odyssey and Restore Warriors. Project Odyssey uses the healing power of nature, along with support from mental health professionals and staff, to help Wounded Warriors gain perspective on life through outdoor activities and retreats. Restore Warriors® (restorewarriors.org) is an anonymous website for warriors and families looking for information and practical advice about living with combat stress and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

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Changing your doctor can be time-consuming and difficult. Before leaving your present doctor, try to resolve the issues you may be having. The following is a list of reasons you should consider leaving your present physician.

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✓ Your doctor ignores your ideas and questions. Physicians should be interested in what you are concerned about regarding your health.

✓ Your doctor misdiagnosed you. Doctors can make mistakes and that isn’t necessarily a reason to find a new doctor unless his disininterest in you causes a life-threatening or catastrophic problem.

✓ Your doctor is offended with your request for a second opinion. A doctor should be happy that you are taking an interest in your healthcare and should even suggest other physicians.

✓ Your physician is not board certified. Board certification shows the doctor is interested in continuing to be assessed and educated in his specialty.

✓ The RN Geriatric Care Managers (GCM) to help you make the best choices and advocate for your family member when there are medical issues.

✓ Your companion caregivers work hourly or as live-ins.

✓ The RN GCMs guidance leads families to the actions and decisions that ensure quality care.

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OBITUARIES

Phil Elsbree, 71, active community member and gardener

Philip “Phil” Carl Elsbree, 71, of Ocean Beach, died Aug. 8 surrounded by his family and friends. He was born Jan. 6, 1942 in Waverly, N.Y. to Clifford Allen and Emma Lou (Northrup) Els- bree.

Phil was a loving husband to Katie, father to Anne Reneé (wife, Kim) and Paul James Kennedy (wife, Cathie) Elsbree and grandfather to Corey James (part- ner, Alexander Jacobs), Kamie Jo and Katie Jo. He is survived by his siblings: Kathleen “Katie” Granger, Clifford Allen “Al” (wife, Catez) Elsbree and Paul (wife, Melodie Elsbree).

He was a 1980 graduate of Owego Free Academy. He attended Annapolis Naval Academy. He graduated from Illi- nois State University with a bachelor’s in teaching in 1964 and a master’s in counseling in 1965.

It was on Saturday, Aug. 8, 1964 that Phil met his wife, Catherine (Katie) O’Whalen in Bloom- ington, Ill. They wed Jan. 30, 1965.

Phil was an educa- tor for the San Diego court system and community schools from 1972-1999. In addition to teaching, he worked passionately with his wife, Katie, owning and operating the Elsbree House Bed & Breakfast for 22 years. Phil designed the building of Elsbree House Bed & Breakfast.

Phil was active in his community. He believed in civic duty and gave of his time and money to local organizations seeking social justice. He was elected to the first planning board in Ocean Beach, donated blood monthly and daily cleaned the alleys in Ocean Beach.

He was an avid farmer-gardener and spent numerous hours planting, tilling and weeding the soil in Ocean Beach, as well as on the family’s farm in Debe- sa. He consumed books of all types and he cherished the ability to learn. He loved listening to classical and jazz music. One of his favorite past times was to teach family and friends how to make origami cranes, symbolizing peace.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be given to a scholarship in Phil’s name through the nonprofit organization Ocean Beach Dollars for Scholars. All donations are tax deductible. OBDFS is a 501(c)3 organization founded in 1986 by Phil and Katie and their Ocean Beach friends.

Donations can be sent to 5054 Nar- ragansett Ave., San Diego, 92107.

Dolly Belt, 87, loving mother, grandmother and community member

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A private service will be held. Her choice for donations would be either the National Wildlife Federation or Nation- al Kidney Foundation.

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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Looking ahead

Peninsula-area events, Oct. 19-Nov. 12

SATURDAY, Oct. 19
• The Ocean Beach Town Council hosts an Ocean Beach Craft Fair to benefit OB Christmas events. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Vet-erans Plaza at the foot of Newport Avenue.

SUNDAY, Oct. 20
• Music on the Point begins a new season with Ruben Valenzuela performing in concert on the Baroque-style pipe organ at All Souls’ Episcopal Church at 4 p.m. A donation of $5 is requested. No one will be turned away. A complimentary reception follows at the church, located at 1475 Catalina Blvd. For more information, call (619) 223-6394, ext. 13, or visit www.all-souls.com.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 23
• Dr. Benjamin K. Bergen of UCSD will discuss his book, “Louder Than Words,” during a free presentation at the Hervey/Point Loma Branch Library at 6:30 p.m. Whether it’s brusque, convinc- ing, fraught with emotion or dripping with innuendo, language is fundamentally a tool for conveying meaning — a uniquely human magic trick. Learn more about the secrets behind the essence of how the mind makes meaning through language. The library is located at 11701 Voltaire St. For more information, call head librarian Christine Gonzalzer at (619) 531-1539.

THURSDAY, Oct. 24
• The Ocean Beach Library will host an interactive workshop by Nutritional Coach Samanuha Ehsa titled “Learn Sustainable Nutrition for Family Health.” The event is in celebration of National Food Day and will run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Guests will learn action steps and resources and walk away with free cooking videos. The library is located at 4801 Santa Monica Ave.

FRIDAY, Oct. 25
• Loma Portal Elementary School will host its annual community Monster Bash, featuring carnival games, crafts, food, cake walk and a haunted house sponsored by the school’s Dad’s Club. The event is a fundraiser for school needs and tickets will be available at the door for use at various booths. The Monster Bash takes place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the school, located at 3341 Browning St.

SATURDAY, Oct. 26
• OB Friends of the Library will hold a book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Books, DVDs and audiodiscs will be available for purchase. Donations of gently used materials may be brought to the library, located at 4801 Santa Monica Ave. the day before. For more information, call (619) 223-1890, or email ghudi-92107@yahoo.com.

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SUNDAY, Oct. 27
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SATURDAY, Nov. 9
• The Point Loma Rotary Club hosts an inaugural Jen Krause Memorial Charity Bicycle Tour of Point Loma to benefit the UCSD Moores Cancer Center and other civic projects. The event covers either a 25-mile or 52-mile route. For more information, visit www.ridethepoint.org.

SUNDAY, Nov. 10
• San Diego VisionWalk will host its sixth annual 5K fundraiser and rally to help fight blindness. The event takes place at 10 a.m. at NTC Cushing Park on Cushing Road. To participate or support the walk, visit www.fightblindness.org/sandiego-visionwalk.

TUESDAY, Nov. 12
• The Ocean Beach Town Council hosts its annual OB Restaurant Walk from 5 to 9 p.m. More information is forthcoming and participants are urged to purchase tickets in advance. For information, call (619) 846-6269 or (619) 531-4800.