The ballots are counted and you — the reader — called the shots in this year’s Beacon photo contest!

The results of the Beacon’s 2013 Amateur Photo Contest are in, and readers have made their choices!

During balloting at the June 22 Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival, hundreds of ballots were cast for 17 unique submissions.

Immediate right, placing first with a whopping 140 votes was this early-morning shot of the sun glistening off the waves underneath the Ocean Beach Pier.

The photo was captured by Jarred Davidson. For his winning effort, Davidson will receive dinner for two at Donavan’s Steak & Chop House.

The second-place entry, top right, drew 90 votes for Jordan Buzzell’s shot of this lone canine on the beach, silhouetted by the setting sun as a surfer emerges from the ocean in the background.

The second-place honor will be good for dinner for two at the Coyote Cafe in Old Town.

Claiming the third and final spot in the Beacon photo contest, bottom right, was this cool, colorful shot of a wild parrot on a wire.

The shot was taken by Lisa Hoyer, who has earned tickets for free admission to museums and attractions in Balboa Park.

Although still illegal in the city, some medical marijuana dispensaries are opening storefronts around San Diego. The city is redrafting an ordinance addressing rules and oversight.

Medical marijuana dispensaries, including a handful along the beachfront, are beginning to pop up again, apparently taking advantage of continuing legal uncertainties over the hot-button political issue.

At least three dispensaries clandestinely opened recently in Pacific Beach, and Ocean Beach could be next.

“There might be one,” said Denny Knox, executive director of the Ocean Beach Main Street Association, a business improvement district. “I don’t know for sure. It’s sort of clandestine.”

“They don’t get involved in the community,” said Knox, who added there were as many as seven medical marijuana dispensaries a few years ago that sprang up seemingly overnight in Ocean Beach before federal law enforcement officials cracked down and forced them to close.

Knox said there were problems with Ocean Beach dispensaries in the past.

“We had a handful of them that were dealing [marijuana] out the back door,” said Knox. “That was really ridiculous. We could literally see [the transactions].”

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OB street fair packs ’em in

In one of the community’s signature annual events, the OB Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival did not disappoint fans who go on June 22. Thousands packed the pier parking lot area for the Main Stage (above) performances, one of six stages areas where 38 musical acts got toes tapping. Left, chili lovers got their fill of some tasty recipes while others, right, put their touch on the community mural.

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Point Loma rogue stop-sign issues appear to have been put to rest

By TONY D. GABARE | The Beacon

It all started about a year ago when an anonymous citizen, presumably convinced that cars were going too fast in the neighborhood, swapped out two city-installed yield signs and replaced them with stop signs along Jennings Street, a low-volume residential road in the Wooded Area of Point Loma.

To this day, the details have never been disclosed regarding the emergence of the rogue signage. Who was this person or persons? Where did they obtain such official-looking signs? How did they remove the old ones?

Was this a sentinel or scoundrel, folk hero or villain?

That judgment continues to be debated. But what’s beyond dispute is that the outlaw act sparked a controversy previously unknown in the neighborhood, and the issue has consumed more time and energy than any other to come before the Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) so far this year.

The planning board may have finally put the issue to rest during its June 20 regular monthly meeting. It voted 4-3 to affirm official status to the two previously subordinate stop signs and keep three other stop signs along a one-block stretch of Jennings between Silvergate Avenue and Albion Street.

Though inefficient, the configuration was the safest among the four options available, said Gary Pence, a senior traffic engineer with the city.

By way of its vote, the board effectively threw out a decision it made just one month earlier, in front of a packed house and television news cameras, it voted 4-3 to keep the yield signs-turned-stop signs but remove the three other stop signs. Keeping stop signs for northbound Silvergate at Jennings Street and southbound Albion at Jennings would have granted unhindered right of way to east-west traffic on Jennings, said planners.

The original vote was intended as a compromise to one group supporting all five signs, and another group supporting a return to the original configuration of one stop sign and one yield sign at both T-intersections. Both sides claimed popular support and collected several pages of signatures.

But after the May 16 vote, nearby resident and former longtime U-T San Diego reporter Don Sevrens charged the matter had not been properly noticed on the planning board’s agenda — and alleged a violation of the Brown Act, the state’s open-meetings law.

“Tony Kempton, associate planner for the city’s Development Services Department, said no Brown Act violation had taken place, but the matter needed to be revoted on “in an abundance of caution.”

The city gets 4,000 traffic-related requests per year from citizens. If approved by the local planning board and the city councilmember with jurisdiction, the request is typically granted.
Planned trolley extension from downtown/Old Town to UTC raising new debate

BY DAVE SCHIAB | THE BEACH

Business displacement, environmental degradation and the $1.7 billion cost of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project that would extend trolley service from downtown to Old Town and north to UCSD and Westfield UTC in University City/La Jolla were among concerns raised during a June 21 public hearing by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

The holding by the regional transportation planning agency's transportation committee was intended to gather input on the transit project's draft environmental documents.

More than a dozen speakers testified at the hearing, including District 1 City Councilwoman Sherri Lightner, who represents La Jolla and University City.

"There is strong support in our communities for this project," Lightner said. "However, they will be directly impacted by construction and directly impacted by noise and open spaces.

Lightner said her office will submit a full written report on the project's environmental documents by the July 17 comment deadline.

Debra Knight, who represents Friends of Rose Canyon, thanked SANDAG for not pursuing a previous alternative for the trolley extension that would have taken it directly through Rose Canyon, impacting open space. Knight argued the project's environmental studies have so far not been exhaustive enough.

"There is no discussion of a noise wall or sound barriers to protect our urban open-space areas," Knight said. "Smart growth should be all about protecting the habitats in our urban canyons, which is a challenge. I hope there is a way SANDAG will be able to do that."

Dan Allen, a La Jolla community planner who has long been involved in transportation issues, questioned the scope of the Mid-Coast trolley extension given its high cost.

"The total project is estimated $2 billion," he said, adding there should be consideration given to down-sizing the project.

"Instead of a route crossing Interstate 5 twice and eating up most of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project's environmental documents by the July 17 full written report on the project's environmental documents by the July 17 comment deadline."

"Noting University City and the Golden Triangle are "a major economic engine for San Diego that must be respected," Lightner said. "We must also ensure that we protect wildlife and our open spaces."

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The Fourth of July is rapidly approaching and there appears to be no shortage of pyrotechnics and activities to tantalize families this year.

New to the offerings in 2013 will be a first-ever evening Fourth of July event at Cabrillo National Monument called “Above the Fireworks.” Park officials are inviting families and neighbors to come for the sunset and stay for the gorgeous panorama of fireworks around the bay and park grounds from Cabrillo’s majestic perch.

The ticketed event is being coordinated by the park’s nonprofit partners The Cabrillo National Monument Conservancy and the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation, and takes place between 6:30 and 10:30 p.m. at the monument, located on Point Loma at the south end of Catalina Boulevard. The cost is $35 per passenger vehicle. For tickets and information, visit the Cabrillo National Monument bookstore, or the following websites: friendsofcabrillo.eventbrite.com/ or www.cnmf.org

There are plenty of other fireworks shows nearby, as well:

- **The Ocean Beach community fireworks display** is set to go off from the Ocean Beach Pier at 9 p.m. and last roughly 20 or 25 minutes.
- **The annual “Big Bay Boom,”** which involves fireworks launched from barges placed near Shelter Island, Harbor Island, the Embarcadero area and Seaport Village, takes place at 9 p.m.
- **SeaWorld San Diego** will host its extended display set to patriotic music at 9:30 p.m.
- **La Jolla Cove:** 9 p.m.

Other Independence Day-related activities:

- **Old Town San Diego:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., an 1800s-themed celebration that includes a parade, crafts and activities of early San Diego, historical costumes and dancing, hat-making contest, dramatic readings and wagon rides. Free. For more information, call (619) 220-5422, or visit www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsan diego.

Area fireworks displays, activities to give you plenty of choices

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**Analyzing Physical Therapist seeks help to rehab canines**

She’s in need of local pool to aid paralyzed dogs that might otherwise be euthanized

By MARIKO LAMB | THE BEACON

Thirteen years ago, long-time physical therapist Trisha Penick offered her services to two-legged human clients to carry, four-legged canines through Cut- ting Edge K9 Rehab, a one-of-a-kind dog rehabilitation service that specializes in swim therapy.

The 18-year Point Loma and Ocean Beach resident started the unique program after seeing a dog swimming in a pool one day. She then started asking around to see if swim therapy was common among local veterinarians.

“I made a few calls to local vets asking if they had ever heard of physical therapy for dogs. Some of them had, but did not know of anyone doing this,” she said.

Penick’s clients can be in any range of physical states when they come to her care — ranging from severe cases of paral-yzisms to the common struggles of age or obesity. Some are perfectly healthy, competitive working or show dogs that cons-train with Cutting Edge K9 to strengthen their bodies and enhance their performance.

“The most involved are the ones who have had strokes or herniated discs and they are paralyzed. Even when they can’t move at all on land, usually as soon as we get into the water, they begin moving their legs,” she said. “Seniors are another big part of our programs. Many are losing their mobility due to age and having difficulty getting up and down.”

Owners are often amazed to see their dog become stronger, healthier and even begging for more time in the pool.

“They respond very fast,” Penick said.

In its short time of existence, the band has raised $2,500, with Correia Middle School being one of the benefi-ciaries. Lead singer and founder McKay McCormick and band members, who include lead guitarist Scott Meyer, bassist Vince Escalera and drummer Dennis Key, all have children in Point Loma neighbor-hood schools. Vocalist Marisa Verna is a teacher and rhythm guitarist and vocalist Kirk Norton just enjoys helping and playing music.

The Point Loma Association is another example of support. In 2011, the organization decided to add a junior stage to its Summer Concerts Series to highlight the musical talent the Peninsula has to offer. But the asso-ciation didn’t stop there. It also donates several thousand dollars every year to local nonprofits and schools to support music programs.

For all those talented youth bands to perform and adult bands to have fundraisers, it takes venues that allow kids to attend and perform. Richard Irby, former manager of Humphreys Backstage Live and parent, recognized the need for a performance venue. Every first Saturday afternoon of the month, FFMC students get a chance to perform at Humphreys.

The management of Humphreys gives young musicians an opportunity to perform and has been a great venue for fundraising. Other local restaurants have followed its lead. Old Venice and Pete’s Grill also offer local musicians a place to play.

Whatever the reason, music is pop-ping up everywhere on the Point — Rock ‘n’ Roll San Diego, Paper Moon Music, Electric Ladyland, Recreational Music at Liberty Station and Band at the Beach.

For more information, visit www- firstfridaymusicclub.com.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**OB suffering at hands of greedy property owners**

I just read your latest update on the former Apple Tree Market property (“Yaucant market lot in OB reopens for self-pay customers; future of property still unclear,” June 13 Beacon, Page 5) and almost ripped my hair out.

Why are out-of-town capitalist magnates allowed to manipulate our community like this?

From my understanding, the OB Surf and Skate was vacated to make room for the Apple Tree group to open a smaller specialty market, but they backed out due to insane high rents and the prospect of a Whole Foods-type market opening in their old location, making their business model fragile.

Add to that the “property owner” where the old market was is asking an exorbitant rent (I heard $20,000 a month) for the space — and no one wants to pay that. Not even the big guys.

This is another example of the “free market” private sector, so lauded and revered, miserably failing with no regard for the community. They will put their greed and profits over everything else.

At a point, property rights become extortion. If they can’t [redevelop it], let’s take it back and DO SOMETHING with it. Have a democratic decision.

With all the bright minds in Ocean Beach I’m sure we can do better than just let it rot and be a molyesore.

Eric Jackson
Ocean Beach

**Dogs and Fourth of July fireworks don’t mix**

Every year, many dogs end up in emergency hospitals, shelters and, unfortunately, sometimes dead in the road because of the terror they feel from hearing the loud noises of the Fourth of July holiday. They panic and run to try and get away.

People fire off rockets and personal fireworks. Then, at night, the fireworks come on and it truly sounds like a war zone. Even dogs that live within eurch of the SeaWorld fireworks that go off every night react to the holiday fires-works, which are much louder.

Please consider keeping your dog safe-for indoors during this special holiday. A terrified dog can get over a six-foot fence and get out. I live in Ocean Beach, and I know how many people walking down to see the fireworks with their dogs in tow and I shudder. And every year, a couple of days after the weekend, the signs start up to go on the bulletin board at the beach regarding a “Dog lost on the Fourth of July.”

Please do right by your dog and keep it safe at home — inside.

Trish Hausman
Ocean Beach

**Groovin’ on the Point goes a long way toward ailing school budgets**

By JUDY FISHER

How come, in the face of continuing budget cuts to San Diego schools, music seems to be thriving extremely well on the Peninsula? A likely reason: the great local tradition here of music education, the strong history of arts and nonprofit organizations, and the generous support of the local community.

And there are more students signing up for music classes than can be accommodated. Ruben Flores at Dana Middle School gives the kids a great foundation that Correia Middle School builds on. Then, they are ready to move on to Point Loma High School with James Sepulvedo.

Then there is the First Friday Music Club (FFMC), founded by professional bass player Glen Fisher, who started his musical career at Point Loma High School in Larry Zeiger’s musical theater class at the bastion of fish and the Seaweeds, a local rock band. He went on to study music at UCSD and the Vienna Academy of Music.

As he raised his three daughters in Point Loma, Fisher realized there was no place for youth to listen to quality live music and decided to start the First Friday Music Club (FFMC), a nonprofit group, with a mission to enhance and supplement educational deficien-cies in local school music programs. The FFMC hires professional musicians to assist teachers, conduct workshops and give students unique performance and training opportunities. The organization has teamed for several years now with Correia Middle School to bring professional artists to conduct work-shops, as well as organize perfor-mances with artists like Grammy Award winner Bryan Lynch, a shy Award nominees Delfayo Marsalis and Bill Watrous, and internationally acclaimed local trumpeter and educa-tor Derek Carter.

Many of Fisher’s students, all perform-ing at various FFMC events, have their own bands now, including The Blonde Brothers, RevoltAge, 140 Yards and Lightning Starts Fire. There are also adult bands coming out of the FFMC, like Mothers of Intention, Rhythm Method and The Openers.

**Animal physical therapist seeks help to rehab canines**

Shane’s life relies on her for physical therapy. “Since it is non-weight-bearing, the dogs have no pain like they do when trying to exercise on land. Not only are we working on range of motion, strengthening and cardiovascular conditioning all at once, the cool water keeps the dogs from overheating, allowing for an extended cardio workout.”

Some of Cutting Edge K9 Rehab’s services include underwater treadmill and resistance therapy, stretching and land-based exercises.

Getting the dogs up to the rehab pool in North County is a struggle, and Penick said she is desperately searching for a homeowner near Point Loma, Mission Bay or Clairemont to offer him or her pool for Penick’s dog rehabilitation services two days a week.

It can take many hours between trans-porting the dog and the therapy time, she said. “It is heartbreaking not to be able to help these dogs. We are looking to our community to help us help them.”

Cutting Edge K9 will pay for pool main-tenance, heating during the cold months, equipment and even pool maintenance fee. Ideally, Penick hopes for a lap pool, but would be happy to hear from anyone who can offer their pool as a viable option.


**Animal physical therapist Trisha Penick works with canines of all shapes, sizes, ages and abilities in swim-therapy sessions to save pets from euthanization by getting them back into shape.**

**GUEST COMMENTARY**

**By JUDY FISHER**

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Knox said she is confused by the cloudy rules and oversight of medical marijuana dispensaries. “I wish it was more clear-cut,” she said. “You have conflicting prescrip- tions [work for people who are ill. But there can’t be that many ill people in OB that you would need seven of those dispensary licenses,” she said. “It’s something that requires a doctor to prescribe, you ought to be able to go to a pharmacy and get it.”

Dave Martin, owner of Shades Restaurant at 5081 Santa Monica Ave., was a member of the city’s initial task force for medical marijuana. He remembered how the city made recommendations on how the dispenses- ries should be regulated.

Although Knox said he didn’t know if any dispensaries have become active again in Ocean Beach, Martin added, “I supported the suggestions of the task force and feel that people who have a need for medical marijuana should have a way to access it. [But] it is an illegal drug at this point in time and should be controlled and kept out of the hands of children and people that would abuse it.”

At least three dispensaries have reportedly already surfaced in Pacific Beach. Members of other local beachfront planning groups, like those in Pacific Beach and Bird Rock, which have watched medical marijuana dispens- saries emerge in those areas before, have mixed feelings about their return.

Brian Curry, chairman of the Pacific Beach Planning Group, said the commu- nity remains divided over the issue. “I’ve entertained many inquiries from NBRC residents who are very concerned about the proliferation of dispensaries, who felt that they were not necessarily for sick people that need marijuana to treat their illnesses but for recreational use, which is a problem and an issue,” Curry said. “But there are also some in Pacific Beach who were supportive of them before, think they’re great and amicable about the possibility of them returning.”

Curry said Pacific Beach planners have not taken a position for or against dispensaries, adding that the planning group has adopted a wait-and-see atti- tude toward dispensaries.

There’s probably a reasonable — and rational — discussion about this,” he said. “Hopefully, the mayor and the City Council will figure it out.”

Fisher, a medical marijuana proponent, said recently that dispensaries, at present, are not legally permissible in any land-use zones anywhere in the city, “at least in any that have opened so illegally,” he said.

“In January, the mayor committed to preserving the status quo regarding it being illegal to site medical marijuana dispens- saries in designated zones. However, in September 2011 the council voted 7-1 to rescind the ordinance. But the city is back on a second bite out of the apple. The council on April 22 directed the city attorney to draft a new ordinance before July 17.”

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- Tues., June 18, 7:30 p.m. – Michael McDonald / Boz Scaggs $310
- Wed., June 19, 7:30 p.m. – Doobie Brothers with special guest Berkley Hart $70
- Fri., June 21, 7 p.m. – Joan Rivers $80
- Thurs., June 27, 7 p.m. – Erykah Badu $65
- Fri., June 28, 8 p.m. – Chris Mann (From NBC TV show "The Voice") $48
- Sat., July 6, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. – Jim Gaffigan from "The Early Show" $62
- Sun., July 7, 6:30 p.m. – Under The Sun $45
- Wed., July 10, 7 p.m. – Railroad Earth / Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers $65
- Thurs., July 11, 7:30 p.m. – Huey Lewis & the News "Sports" 30th Anniversary Tour $70
- Sun., July 7, 14, 7 p.m. – An Evening with YES playing three of their classic albums in their entirety $60
- Mon., July 15, 8 p.m. – Garrison Keillor’s "A Prairie Home Companion Radio Romance Tour 2013" $62
- Sun., July 21, 7:30 p.m. – Bill Cosby (www.billocosby.com) $68
- Tues., July 23, 7:30 p.m. – Jonny Lang / Robert Randolph & The Family Band $56
- Fri., July 26, 8 p.m. – "The Fab Four, "The Ultimate Tribute" $43
- Tues., July 30, 7 p.m. – Rock N’ Blues Fest, featuring Ten Years After, Edgar Winter Band, Canned Heat, Rick Derringer and Pat Travers $53
- Wed., July 31, 8 p.m. – George Thorogood & The Destroyers / Buddy Guy $72
- Fri., Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m. – The Fab Four, "The Ultimate Tribute" $43
- Sun., Aug. 4, 8 p.m. – Bill Maher $79
- Wed., Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m. – Willie Nelson & Family with special guest Lily Meda, price not specified
- Thurs., Aug. 8, 7 p.m. – Los Lonely Boys/Los Lobos/Alejandro Escovedo $55
- Fri., Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m. – Brandi Carlile with special guests Ian & Alyssa $43
- Sat., Aug. 10, 8 p.m. – D’Angelo $95
- Sun., Aug. 11, 8 p.m. – A Midsummer’s Night with The Monkees $72
- Wed., Aug. 14, 8 p.m. – Steely Dan $70
- Thur., Aug. 15, 8 p.m. – Straight No Chaser "Summer of Influence Tour" $57
- Fri., Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m. – Dave Koz & Friends Summer Horns Tour with special guests Mindi Abair, Gerald Albright and Richard Elliot $65
- Wed., Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m. – Steely Dan with special guest Deep Blue Organ Trio, no price specified
- Fri., Aug. 23, 7 p.m. – George Thorogood & the Destroyers / Buddy Guy $72
- Sat., Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m. – Toad The Wet Sprocket with special guest Grant Lee Buffalo $45
- Wed., Aug. 28, 6:30 p.m. – Regeneration Tour 2013 featuring Erasure’s Andy Bell, Howard Jones and Men Without Hats $65
- Sun., Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m. – Melissa Etheridge Live $65
- Fri., Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m. – Carly Rae Jepsen with special guest Hot Chelle Rae $55
- Sat., Sept. 14, 7 p.m. – Tower of Power / Average White Band $53
- Thurs., Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m. – Lynyrd Skynyrd $101
- Fri., Sept. 20, 8 p.m. – Diana Krall *Glad Rag Doll World Tour" $110
- Sat., Sept. 21, 8 p.m. – Lila Downs $37
- Fri., Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m. – Air Supply $49
- Wed., Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. – Jesse Cook $40
- Fri., Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m. – Keali’i Reichel $50
- Wed., Oct. 30, 7:30 and 10 p.m. – Moody Blues $85
- Thurs, Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m. – Two Door Cinema Club $33

Music lovers were treated to a wide variety of genres during the street fair, ranging from Americana, blues and jazz to groove, acoustic and hip-hop, and from country to alternative rock and classic rock.

And, of course, no street fair would be complete without tons of food and drink booths, street performers and the periodic magician.

Many fairgoers sought to cool off their tongues after the chili tasting with refreshing drinks and, as these youngsters discovered, shaved-ice treats.

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NTC at Liberty Station is San Diego’s new Arts & Cultural District located at the former Naval Training Center in the new Liberty Station neighborhood, near Downtown on San Diego Bay. With 28 acres and 15 of its 27 buildings complete, NTC is home to nearly 50 museums and galleries, artist studios, dance companies, educational groups, multidisciplinary arts, creative retail and other organizations that showcase San Diego’s creative community and provide innovative experiences for the public. The campus also features venues for indoor or outdoor events, festivals, seminars, retreats and meetings. For information and a schedule of classes and events, go to www.NTCLibertyStation.com or call 619 573-9260.
How to help your pet survive a sizzling summer

Harsh weather conditions can threaten the health of anyone, including the family pet. This is especially so in the summertime, when animals can easily and quickly get dehydrated.

Extreme temperatures in the summer force many pet owners to keep their pets indoors during the daytime. But there are ways pets can survive a sweltering summer and still enjoy some fun in the sun. Pet owners can take the following precautions to ensure their furry four-legged friends are not confined to the house when summer hits full swing.

* Be attentive at all times. Pets do not hide their emotions well, and a pet that is struggling with the heat is bound to exhibit some symptoms. According to the ASPCA, symptoms of heat stroke in pets include:
  - excessive panting or difficulty breathing
  - increased heart rate
  - drooling
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Each of these indicates a pet might be overheating, and a pet might also suffer from seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomiting when its body temperature is too high. When taking a pet outdoors in the heat, pet owners should be mindful of these symptoms and be attentive to the animal’s condition at all times.

* Make sure outdoor lighting is working properly. If you’re about to host your first event of the summer, inspect your home’s exterior lighting so everyone isn’t left sitting in the dark. Check patio lighting and replace any bulbs and make sure the lights along your walkways are functioning at full capacity so guests can safely navigate their way around the party.

* Protect your guests from insects. Insects like mosquitoes can quickly turn a wining soiree into a nuisance, so purchase some decorative citronella candles to repel mosquitoes. Tiki torches along walkways and around the patio furniture may also prove effective insect repellants. In addition, if there are any areas around your property where water has gathered, such as bird fountains or puddles from recent rains, do your best to get rid of that water. Water attracts many insects, which lay their eggs in the standing water. The less standing water around your property, the less likely any uninvited insect guests are to appear.

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* Don’t take pets on chore runs. Many pet owners know enough not to walk on hot asphalt without shoes on, and they should take the same precautions with their pets. The padding on pets’ feet can suffer damage from hot asphalt, and this can prove very painful to animals. When walking pets on a hot day, avoid asphalt, which can cause pets’ body temperature to rise considerably, especially smaller pets whose bodies are closer to the ground. Stick to the grass or other surfaces until they can’t get so hot under the sun.

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* Clear the yard of toys. Before guests arrive, clear the yard of the kids’ toys, putting them away so guests don’t injure themselves by stepping on errant action figures or skateboards left hidden in the grass.

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How to prep your yard for summer parties

Backyard soirees are a staple of summer for many families. Whether hosting a family reunion, a gathering of friends or a mix of both, such gatherings can be a great time to reconnect with your loved ones in a relaxing and natural setting.

Hosting such gatherings might not require as much work as organizing a more formal get-together, but that doesn’t mean summer soirees don’t require a little work in advance of the guests’ arrival. That’s especially true if you plan to host the party outdoors in your yard, which will need a little TLC before guests arrive. The following is a few tips to get your yard ready before your next summer soiree.

* Cut the grass and clear your walkways. Cutting the grass before guests arrive might seem like common sense, but try to do so a couple of days before the party. This gives you an extra day or so to clear the walkways of grass clippings, and it saves you the trouble of cutting the grass on the day of the party when you’re likely to have more pressing tasks to take care of.

* Decorate your yard. Decorations are a staple of parties held indoors, so why not decorate your home’s exterior when hosting a get-together in the backyard?

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Get Fit First: The Better Way To Buy A Bicycle

Moment Cycle Sport celebrates six years of turning the bicycle buying process upside down.

Walk into a typical bike shop looking for a new bike and the salesperson may engage in a short conversation before choosing a bike from the floor, offering a quick test ride, and sending the purchaser out the door. A process which may leave consumers questioning if they really purchased the best bike for them or just one the shop wanted to sell to make room for newer inventory.

But JT Lyons, the owner of Moment Cycle Sport, offers a better way. “The best way to purchase a new bike is to get fit first,” says Lyons. Moment Cycle Sport uses the Guru Dynamic Fit Unit for their fits. “It takes the bike out of the equation,” Lyons notes, focusing instead on the rider and his or her unique anatomy, riding style, and preferences.

This weekend, Moment Cycle Sport will be celebrating their six year anniversary. In addition to sales on all bikes and merchandise, JT will be offering free demonstrations of his fit process. “The best way to understand our process is to see it in action,” he says.

Moment Cycle Sport’s Anniversary Sale runs Friday from 11:00 AM until 6:30 PM, Saturday from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM, and Sunday from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Fit demonstrations are scheduled for 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM each day. No appointment is necessary and the demonstrations are free.

Moment Cycle Sport offers superior bike fit, mechanical services, sales, and rentals, with unparalleled customer service and attention to detail. Their best in class products and services are tailored to meet the needs of anyone, from the entry level athlete to the world-class professional. Moment Cycle Sport supports enthusiasts through event sponsorship, clinics, and its road racing and triathlon teams.

If you’d like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with JT Lyons, please call Sara Danford at 619/523-2451 or email Sara at sara@momentcyclesport.com.
On this day in 1776, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress, setting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation. As always, this most American of holidays will be marked by parades, fireworks and backyard barbecues across the country.

2.5 million
In July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation.


316.2 million
The nation’s estimated population on this July Fourth.

Source: U.S. and World Population Clock

$3.8 million
In 2012, the dollar value of U.S. imports of American flags. The vast majority of this amount ($3.6 million) was for U.S. flags made in China.

Source: Foreign Trade Statistics

$614,115
Dollar value of U.S. flags exported in 2012. Mexico was the leading customer, purchasing $188,824 worth.

Source: Foreign Trade Statistics

$302.7 million
Dollar value of shipments of fabricated flags, banners and similar emblems by the nation’s manufacturers in 2007, according to the latest published economic census statistics. Source: 2007 Economic Census, Series EC071SP1, Products and Services Code 3149998231

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PLNU signs 3 to women’s ’13 soccer team

**College Roundup**

**PLNU Athletics Dept. Communications**

Women’s soccer program signs three for 2013 class

There will be three new faces on the Point Loma Nazarene University women’s soccer team next season, according to Sea Lions’ head coach Tim Hall. The new players are Ariel Oriarte, Courtnie Marshall and Dottie Rhoten.

“I am very excited about the incoming 2013 class,” said Hall. “Each one of these ladies has a commitment to their academic journey here. Each is excited to be in a faith-based environment and see what that can do for their lives.”

Marshall is a 5-7 forward/midfielder and defender out of Christian High School in San Diego. She played four seasons for the Patriots under head coach Joel Waymayer.

She was named to first-team, all-league selections and the team’s MVP as a junior. She will major in education at PLNU.

Rhoten, a 5-7 forward/midfielder, will join Point Loma out of Huntington Beach High School, where she was a two-time all-league selection. Rhoten was a four-year letterwinner and scholar-athlete for the Oilers. She was named the team captain the last two years and earned MVP honors as a senior.

Rhoten was also selected as the Distinguished Oiler for the women’s soccer team and was a nominee for the Jim Staunton Champion of Character Award. At PLNU, Rhoten plans to major in cross-disciplinary studies.

Oriarte will come in as the goalkeeper of the 2013 recruiting class. Oriarte played her high school ball at Mira Mesa High School, where she was captain of the team and named the defensive MVP. During club soccer, she put together a streak of 900 minutes without allowing a goal. Oriarte plans to major in psychology at PLNU.

“All three were very good soccer players at the high school and club level,” Hall said. “Each will add a tremendous amount to our team in all aspects. The three components that are most important are their academics, their desire to be at PLNU and the fact that they are quality soccer players. All three will enhance our program.”

Fall and winter schedules now available

The 2013-14 academic year will be a big stepping stone in the course of Point Loma athletics history. The Sea Lions are preparing to get under way, including the women’s basketball program.

The women’s soccer team at Point Loma Nazarene University is preparing to welcome three new team members who coach Tim Hall said should add talent and depth next season.

[Garth photo]
Vice principal Becker gets nod to replace Samilson

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

The San Diego Unified School District didn’t have to look far to fill the principal’s vacancy at Point Loma High School.

Hans Becker, a vice principal on campus since 2008, will run about 60 feet into a far-more spacious principal’s headquarters, where he will take over for the departing Bobbie Samilson.

Becker, who will become the 14th principal in the 88-year history of the Peninsula’s only public high school, was selected by the school district from a list of top-three ranked candidates.

Becker’s background is in instructional theory and special education.

“The Point Loma Cluster of schools is very strong and I’m looking forward to working with the cluster community,” Becker said. “We have new principals at Correia [Jonathan McDade] and Dana [Scott Irwin] and I will be working with them and the elementary-school principals to look at how instruction is delivered at all levels, kindergarten through 12.”

“My vision is preparing active, adaptive, thoughtful and engaged learners who will succeed in a global economy. I would like to lead the school in the direction of preparing kids for that,” he said. “They have to be flexible in thinking and adapt to their environment that can change consistently.”

Becker said the new motion pictures industries building is an example of Point Loma High’s uniqueness, calling it “probably the only one of its kind in the nation. We are just scratching the surface of what we can do there, how we can do that in other curriculum and areas.”

PLHS changes in the next year or two are the possible installation of added seating for visiting fans in Pete Ross Stadium, expanded landscaping designed to “soften” the look of the campus and the painting of structures on campus with the same color scheme, according to Becker.

“We believe all students should be successful after high school,” Becker said. “For most, that looks like college. For some, it’s getting right into a career, and Point Loma has a lot of internship programs to prepare students to go right into a field.”

As examples, Becker cited school programs like automotive technology, computer graphic design, music production, video and multimedia production, athletic training and teaching.

Point Loma High School vice principal Hans Becker has been named to take over as principal from retiring Bobbie Samilson.

PLHS volunteers, teachers honored for selfless service

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

A half-dozen longtime volunteers, including two teachers, were honored with volunteer service awards on May 31 for years — and in some cases, decades — of service to the Point Loma High School community.

Two other young members of the teaching staff at the school were recognized for the positive impacts they have made on students.

All were honored at a luncheon in the campus media center, blanked by school staff and members of the Pointer Association, the school’s parent governing body.

Point Loma dentist Dave De Rosier served as master of ceremonies to introduce honorees from among those nominated by the school community and validated by a committee led by Pointer Association president Kevin O’Reitne.

The awards were presented by those who nominated the recipient. Honored with pins, certificates and living plants were:

• Cathy Bohn, whose contributions since her children were in elementary school were summarized by presenter Andrea Justus.

• Marvin Estrin, an advocate of strong academic programs and member of the School Site Council, presented by Christy Scadden.

• Kerri De Rosier, who, along with her emcee husband, has worked tirelessly to grow the band and orchestral programs at PLHS, presented by Jennifer Kim.

• Fred Fogerty, longtime volunteer coach of boys and girls’ golf at PLHS, who receives no stipend or school funding, yet has purchased clubs, brought in pro golfers and collegiate coaches to work with his players. Fogerty was presented by athletic director John Murphy, teacher Ron Moss and Peninsula Beacon writer Scott Hopkins.

• Band and orchestra teacher James Sepulveda, who spends hundreds of volunteer hours a year grooming PLHS musicians into award winners, was presented by students Sara De Rosier and Nick Covarrubias.

• Teacher/head track and field coach Alex Van Hiezen, whose efforts to build student physical fitness and strength and meet her stand- out, was presented by Catherine Williams.

• Retiring principal Bobbie Samilson presented the Wrennie Sponsel Award, established in 1985 to honor a teacher new to PLHS and with no more than three years’ total service. Recipients were Stephanie Brown, a special-education support instructor, and Crystal Fruca, physical education teacher and coordinator of OASIS, a program match- ing volunteer junior and senior mentors with “at-risk” students to provide daily encouragement and assistance.

A classmate applauds as her friend’s name is called. Both are honor graduates, signified by the California Scholastic Federation (CSF) drapes over their gowns.

Igor Burgos-Maron, right, a thrilled his moth- er, center, had traveled to his graduation from Brazil. Burgos-Maron attended PLHS for grades 10-12 while living with relatives in the La Playa area.

Family and friends of Gaelle McKaveney were easy to spot as they held enlarges- ments of McKaveney’s senior portrait.

A graduate spots her family in the audience while another continues to search.
Are You Planning For Long-Term Care?

The Associated Press – NORC Center for Public Affairs Research recently released the findings of a national poll on long-care. The poll interviewed Americans who were 40 years or older on their perceptions, attitudes and ideas about aging and long-term care. What was found was this:

Most Americans underestimated the cost of nursing home care and overestimated what Medicare pays. Almost one-third of the people interviewed didn’t want to think about getting older.

Sixty-five percent of Americans are not putting money aside to help pay for possible long-term care needs. Sixty-eight percent of Americans interviewed think their family will take care of them when the need arises.

A majority of Americans, regardless of political preferences, would support tax incentives to encourage solutions from the government to long-term care. Fifty-one percent would like a government administered plan. This poll has come at a time when the federal Commission on Long-Term Care is exploring policy options for making sure all Americans will be able to age with dignity and independence. For more information on health care needs and help with long-term care, call a RN Care Manager from Innovative Healthcare Consultants at 760.731.1334 or visit our website at innovativehc.com.

Looking ahead

Peninsula-area events. July 1-2, Aug. 9

Friday, July 12
The 13th annual free Point Loma Summer Concert Series kicks off with the first of five concerts, featuring Jumping Jack Flash, which bills itself as the “world’s greatest Rolling Stones re-creation.” Concertgoers bring their own seating and/or blankets and can order dinner from the night’s sponsor, Gabardine. The concerts will feature young talent on the “Junior Stage” starting at 5:30 p.m. The main stage performance begins at 6:30 p.m. at Point Loma Park, located at 1049 Catalina Blvd. For more information, call (619) 226-4896, or visit www.plconcerts.org.

Friday, July 19
The 13th annual free Point Loma Summer Concert Series hosts the second of five concerts, featuring Cash’d Out with special guest June Carter. Concertgoers bring their own seating and/or blankets and can order dinner from the night’s sponsor, Miguel’s Cocina. The concerts will feature young talent on the “Junior Stage” starting at 5:30 p.m. The main stage performance begins at 6:30 p.m. at Point Loma Park, located at 1049 Catalina Blvd. For more information, call (619) 226-4896, or visit www.plconcerts.org.

Saturday, July 20
Surfers may want to stop by St. Peter’s by-the-Sea Lutheran Church for the church’s annual Blessing of the Surfboards and Those Who Ride Them event. The church started this unusual custom in 2012, inspired by the long tradition some churches have of blessing fishing fleets. The blessing, which will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, is free and open to everyone. The church is located at the corner of Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Point Loma Avenue. For more information, call (619) 226-4894, or visit www.stpetebythesea.org.

Friday, Aug. 2
The 13th annual free Point Loma Summer Concert Series hosts the fourth of five concerts, featuring Left4Dead (1980s). Concertgoers bring their own seating and/or blankets and can order dinner from the night’s sponsor, Hodad’s. The concerts will feature young talent on the “Junior Stage” starting at 5:30 p.m. Main stage performance at 6:30 p.m. at Point Loma Park, located at 1049 Catalina Blvd. For more information, call (619) 226-4896, or visit www.plconcerts.org.

Friday, Aug. 9
The 13th annual free Point Loma Summer Concert Series hosts the last of five concerts, featuring Bayshore Brothers, which describes itself as “San Diego’s favorite Zydeco band” with special guest Sue Palmer. Concertgoers bring their own seating and/or blankets and can order dinner from the night’s sponsor, Stump’s Family Marketplace. The concerts will feature young talent on the “Junior Stage” starting at 5:30 p.m. Main stage performance begins at 6:30 p.m. at Point Loma Park, located at 1049 Catalina Blvd. For more information, call (619) 226-4896, or visit www.plconcerts.org.
Green Day tribute band set to rock the house at Winston’s

By BART MENDOZA | The Beacon

Though originally just a scruffy punk-rock combo from the Bay Area, after more than 20 years of hit albums, it’s clear Green Day has become an indelible part of American pop culture. It has most recently been seen in the touring Broadway production of the musical “American Idiot,” based on the band’s 2004 album of the same name. Tribute band Green Today has launched into the tribute-band circuit, playing the same size venues as their musical doppelgangers during Green Day’s pre-superstardom days.

Appearing at Winston’s Beach Club on June 29, Green Today is based in Orange County. Together for just under two years, the tribute band includes bassist Jim Scarlett (Mike Dirnt), drummer Tom Varga (Tre Cool), guitarists Kevini Tapia (Jason White) and Brian Wedmore (Billie Joe Armstrong).

“Brian and I have known each other playing in punk bands in the area since about 2000,” Scarlett said. “With tribute projects on the rise in 2010, we discussed the idea of a Green Day tribute band. We both really liked the band, wanted to start something that we could establish and build, and thought we could pull it off.”

He acknowledges that Green Day has been a big influence on his music. “Personally, being a stage musician for so many years, I’ve always thought how cool it would be to play with a huge band like that. Understanding that to be unlikely, this seemed like another option,” Scarlett said.

Unlike many tribute bands, Green Today replicates their namesakes’ look, as well. “We know a lot of the top tribute projects that were successful — like No Duh, The Red Not ChiPeppers and Nearvana — also incorporated the look,” Scarlett said. “So we made this a focus as well.”

While he considers the band’s focus to be on the music, he notes that members of Green Today share some of the same physical characteristics of Green Day. “The most difficult thing for me is that I cannot grow sideburns (like Dirnt), so I’m a long ways away, but I give it a shot,” Scarlett joked.

The band has a repertoire that includes all the hits from “Basket Case” to “American Idiot.” “Most sets are about 60 minutes for some festivals and other events where we play up to three hours,” Scarlett said.

After dozens of shows, Scarlett said he is as enthused as ever about Green Today. Almost. “Because it’s a tribute band project and there are expectations, it has turned into quite a bit of work,” Scarlett said. “But overall, it’s a great time. All of us enjoy being on stage and playing, so we appreciate the opportunity to play for larger crowds, which usually takes more time and luck when playing with an original project.”

“Green Today is the opportunity to be on stage in front of people who are into it, singing along and connecting with them. Green Day is so good and has built up such a fanbase, that it seems if we even come close (to their sound) and put as much as we can into the show, people have a good time,” he said.

Green Today has performed before crowds of up to 5,000 people, regularly playing dates in the 1,000 range. “We are playing more out of state and different types of events, so we’re looking forward to the opportunity to play to more people, in different areas,” Scarlett said.

According to Scarlett, the fan response at shows has been pretty good. “Most of the people at our shows know what to expect and we seem to deliver it pretty well,” he said. “Most of the time we are playing on a night of tribute acts, so people attending know the songs. We get the occasional negative comments and people criticizing but we have fun with it. We know we’re not Green Day, I kind of like to think of it as we’re just fans too, just having fun with songs we all like.”

Green Today performs at 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 29 at Winston’s Beach Club, 1921 Bacon St. 85 and up. www.winstonsoh.com

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Old Town San Diego State Historic Park is excited to announce its 1800s-style Fourth of July celebration where guests will be able to come and relive the excitement of a 1800s Independence Day celebration. This free event is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“Come join us and celebrate the Fourth of July in a way that your family will never forget,” said Frances McMeiken, the event’s organizer. “We will have free activities and games for all ages that date back to the 1800s. This memorable celebration is a family tradition for many San Diegans.”

Guests are encouraged to participate in the parade around the plaza reminiscent of the Fourth of July parades of early San Diego with horses, wagons, and people dressed in historical costumes. Children 12 years and under may enter the patriotic hat-making contest and proudly wear their creation in the parade. Registration for the contest starts at 11 a.m. at the plaza.

Activities start at 11:30 a.m. with a welcome address on the stage followed by a law flag raising ceremony which will include the Marine Corp. Color Guard and special guest speaker at noon.

San Diego’s spoken word group, Write Out Loud, will do a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence at 12:20 p.m. and attendees will have the chance to sign a replica of the document. There will also be a pult raffle drawing by the Historic Quilt Sanitary Commission.

Following the parade, there will be crafts, games, pie-eating contests, and informational demonstrations that represent the activities enjoyed in the 1800s. The stage will be filled with free entertainment such as historic dancing, vignettes, and patriotic music. All of the museums will be open and, as always, free to the public.

The park is located on San Diego Avenue and Trivigs Street, and is conveniently located next to the Old Town Transit Center, with Coaster, Trolley, and MTS bus service. Free parking is available at the CalTrans headquarters, just two blocks from the park at 4050 Taylor St.

For more information about the Historic Fourth of July celebration, call Old Town San Diego State Historic Park visitor center at 619-220-5422 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/old-town/san-diego.
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Point Loma artist, author, surf buff Scott H. Munzig passes away at 57

Scott H. Munzig, a longtime resident of Maui, Hawaii, made his new home in Point Loma in 2010 and fell in love with Ocean Beach.

Born June 27, 1955, Scott passed away June 18 at the age of 57, 36 days shy of his 58th birthday.

Early in life, he showed a talent and enthusiasm for sports and art. He was an excellent skateboarder, surfer and unicyclist.

Scott was well-known in the San Diego area for his tropical seascape paintings.

He was also a very spiritual person and studied the teachings of the great masters of Eastern religion. He believed this life was just a passage to a better one and, to live fully, one should “accept what is.”

He published two books on spirituality and acceptance. Scott will be missed by his family and friends and the many people who have found joy in his art.

A memorial service will be held at a later date, which the family will announce.

OBITUARY

Scott H. Munzig

Point Loma Realtor Anne Herrin demonstrates the new electric vehicle-charging system at Liberty Station.

Dedee Quint (in green) was recently recognized during DonorNation.org’s School Volunteer of the Year Awards. Quint volunteers at Dewey Elementary School.

Dewey school volunteer honored at ceremony

One of the two winners honored by DonorNation.org recently during a School Volunteer of the Year Awards Ceremony was Dedee Quint, a staunch volunteer at George Dewey Elementary in Point Loma. For her volunteerism, Quint was named first runner-up in the awards, second only to the grand-prize winner from OceanSide High School.

As a result of her award, DonorNation gave $2,500 to Dewey Elementary in Quint’s name. She also earned six months’ worth of free groceries from Sprouts Farmers Market, and a one-year subscription from the La Jolla Playhouse to view the mainstage productions for the 2013/2014 season and an in-school performance of the Playhouse’s touring show for children or tickets to a student matinee.

For more information, visit www.donornation.org and look for the School Volunteer of the Year Award link.

PLHS alum wins best of show in Fair photo exhibit

John Connolly Johnson, a Point Loma resident and graduate of Point Loma High, won best of show at the 2013 San Diego County Fair Exhibition of Photography. The international juried exhibition received about 4,000 entries this year.

Johnson’s winning image, titled “Three Palms,” was captured right along the coast of San Diego.

“I am very passionate about creating unique images of our local area,” said Johnson, a longtime Peninsula resident who has worked many years as a commercial photographer and has recently shifted his focus toward creating fine art and exhibiting his prints and images.

The photography exhibition is one of the largest juried photography shows in the country and the judges select only about one-third of the total entries for display. The exhibition is located on the 2nd floor of the east grandstand.

This year’s Fair closes July 4.

Local Realtor goes green with electric business car

Anne Herrin, a Point Loma real estate agent and resident, has joined the green movement by acquiring an all-electric vehicle for use in her real estate business. After studying her clients, my gas mileage really suffered,” Herrin said. “I look forward to driving in our neighborhoods in a quiet, exhaust-free vehicle. My office is in Liberty Station, and the installation of 10 new charging stations outside of the Vons market makes it an ideal fit for me.

“I’ll still keep my SUV in the garage. and make it available for use for those clients with larger families or those with special requirements,” she said. “I have only had the Fit EV a short time, and everyone who has had an opportunity to ride in it has been very impressed. This car is so fun to drive and it feels great to be helping the environment.”

The new Blink Network electric vehicle charging stations at Liberty Station include 10 in the main Vons parking area and nine others located near Ace Hardware. They will be available for public use in the coming weeks. To find other area charging stations, visit the Department of Energy’s website at www.etsd.energy.gov/hauls/electricity_locations.html.

Church launches summer video and literature series

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Point Loma will host a summer video and literature series featuring lecturer John Lee every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. through Aug. 22.

In a series themed “Primarily Technology; How It Got Here,” Lee will bring a potluck of documentary videos for discussion.

While a major focus of the series will be on technology, the summer course will also be peppered with light and lively learning on the arts, culture, history and music.

The group meets in the church library, located at 3598 Talbot St. Dates and individual sessions are:

- June 27 — “What Ancients Knew: China, Japan, India”
- July 4 — Holiday, no meeting
- July 11 — “Islam and the West”
- July 18 — “Unlocking the Universe”
- July 25 — “The Epic History of Everyday Things”
- Aug. 1 — “Broadway”
- Aug. 8 — “Making Stuff Cleaner & Smarter”
- Aug. 15 — “Creating Synthetic Life/Watson/Inventions”
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