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A new wave of remote-controlled toys

By MARKO LAMB | THE BEACON

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Two-foot-tall Melika catches air on waves near the Ocean Beach Pier. Photo by Jen Ball/The Beacon

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Volunteers will receive a briefing and a scoring rubric at a short orientation meeting that day before heading to their assigned classrooms. The rubric is also posted on the school’s website at www.pointlomahigh.com. Interested persons should contact Kris Spathas at kspathas@gmail.com.

— Scott Hopkins

Course offered in student career development

High school students sometimes have difficulty understanding the requirements and responsibilities of careers. A Point Loma High School (PLHS) teacher is trying to help her students deepen their knowledge while defining careers they are interested in.

Kathleen is teaching a course for PLHS freshmen called Introduction to Careers and is looking for area professionals to visit her class to share information about their work.

“I think when kids hear about different careers from people that are really in the field, they become more motivated and the career comes to life for them,” Kathleen said.

She clearly understands her students have a wide range of interests, so virtually any career would be welcome.

The class is taught Mondays through Wednesdays from 12:27 to 1:18 p.m. Thursdays from 11:49 a.m. to 12:38 p.m. and Fridays from 12:17 to 1:11 p.m.

For more information, email kallen@sandi.net.

— Scott Hopkins

Homeless outreach group in need of freezer

The Second Chances Bread of Life ministry in Ocean Beach is in need of a freezer to continue its homeless outreach meals program.

To help, call Glyn Franks at (619) 886-4275, email secondchances-obl@yahoo.com, or visit www.feeding-america.org/GetHelpFindAnAgency/ to SecondBreadOfLife.aspx.

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Elaine E. Smith, 91, longtime OB resident

Longtime Ocean Beach resident Elaine Elinor Smith passed away peacefully on March 11 in Coupeville, Wash. at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth Krause.

Born in San Francisco, Elaine moved to Southern California with her family in the early 1920s, living briefly in Los Angeles, then in Vista. She proudly graduated from Vista High School in 1939. That same year, a young man came to have dinner with her family, and according to Elaine, she knew as soon as she looked at his bright-blue eyes that he was her love.

She married William Harold Smith on Nov. 18, 1939 and they settled in Ocean Beach, where they lived for most of their 55-year marriage. They welcomed their only child, Elizabeth Ann, in 1945.

Though she only had one daughter, Elaine tended to “adopt” others, and there are many men and women around the world who think of her as a surrogate mother or grandmother. She was an active member of Point Loma United Methodist Church for more than 40 years, and lovingly served her church family in many capacities, as she did the rest of her family, with equal parts kindness, generosity, wisdom and orneriness.

Elaine was an active contributor in the community. During World War II, she volunteered at Mercy Hospital as a nurse’s aide. She also led Girl Scout troops, volunteered for Loaves and Fishes and the Ocean Beach Kite Festival. She walked everywhere, often carrying a homemade dish with her to various events and meetings.

The birthday cakes she baked probably numbered into the thousands. Even into her eighties, she spoke of visiting her “elderly shut-ins.” She was well-known by everyone from bank tellers to meter readers for tipping with homemade cookies. Numerous babies have been warmed by her beautifully embroidered blankets and untold numbers of people have been comforted and nourished with the cups of tea, sandwiches, flowers or hugs that she offered at every opportunity. The world is a far better place for her having lived and she will be missed more than she would ever dream.

Elaine was preceded in death by her much-beloved husband, William Harold “Smitty” Smith and her sister, Wanda Mackey.

She is survived by sisters Betty Jane Lopez of Long Beach, Norma Auttonberry of Superior, Wis. and Ann Blackburn-McCarty (Harold McCarty) of Anaheim; beloved cousin Betty Georgette Bird; daughter Liz (Elizabeth Krause) of Coupeville, Wash.; granddaughters Davina Nolan of Los Angeles and Kelly Buttington (Andy Bullington) of Oak Harbor, Wash.; grandson William Ruh of San Diego; Kathy Vinole (Frank Vinole) of Murrieta; and John Krause (Kristen Krause) of Coupeville. She is also survived by her great grandchildren Jeremy Vinole, Quinton “Twinkle-Eyes” Wallace, Emily Vinole, Carson Vinole, Coleman Krause and Scarlett Krause.

Services were held March 16 at Point Loma United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, Elaine requested donations be sent to Skagit Farm Supply, c/o Tim & Liz Krause, toward the cost of birdseed and deer food.

Dorothy Davis, 97, Point Loma resident, volunteer

Dorothy Olive Dale Davis, a longtime Point Loma resident, passed away on March 4. She was 97.

She and her family lived on Auras-cadero Street for many years and she worked for Dr. Koontz on Cable Street. She was also in the Job’s Daughters International organization and was a Pink Lady at Sharp Cabrillo Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cliff, and daughter Karen, daughter Rilla (husband Neil) and two grandchildren (Lisa and Mark) — will miss her.
have been parked in the area for several days and nights, raising concerns for resi-
dents and homeowners. Among those "overstaying" vehicles is a sky-blue, 10-foot-for-
tmer diesel school bus powered solely by vegetable oil and converted into a house-
trailer. A 10-foot horse trailer is attached to the vehicle.

The consensus of several residents and
homeowners in the area seems to be that
smaller vehicles are generally not a bothers-
but, larger campers and RVs are viewed as much more problematic.

Residents and homeowners complain of
trash being raided, discarded cigarettebuttstirring the area, sidewalks and
lawns being used as restrooms and, as one
local put it, "24-hour activity, running
cars, overwhelming exhaust fumes and
the distinct smell of marijuana."

Another consensus is also clear. As
some of the oversized vehicle owners seem-
ingly flout their takeovers of the streets,
residents and homeowners alike wonder
aloud if there is even a city ordinance
prohibiting camping, lodging and sleeping
in Ocean Beach. He said this particular
Municipal Code applies to vehicles owned
by residents or companions on that street,
not to vehicles used as temporary housing
or as a residence.

As a result, travelers and
overnighters don’t qualify as a resident or com-
party vehicle owner on that public street,
making them subject to immediate ticket-

People need to understand the differ-
ce," said Knish. "The 72-hour time-
frame does not apply if someone lives in
a vehicle and uses it as a residence. Saving
and sleeping in a vehicle falls under the
code for illegal lodging and sleeping, and
results in a citation or ticket."

Such citations are $52.50, including
city fees.

He refers to the Municipal Code (Chap-
ter 8, Article 6, Division 0, paragraph 86.21.01), which says "it is unlawful to
use a vehicle while it is parked or standing
on any street as either temporary or per-
manent living quarters, abode or place of
habitation either overnight or day by day."

Knish urged residents to report over-
extremes at Dusty Rhodes Dog Park.

"First of all, we’re here to help and find
solutions," he said. "Unfortunately, people
[transients] make it look like we’re integ-
tionally picking on the homeless. That is
not the case. We don’t automatically
arrest individuals just because they don’t
have a permanent residence.

The standard procedure on a first
encounter is for the officers to collect the
individuals’ personal information and fur-
ther to inform about the breach of code," he
said. "This is considered a first written
warning for illegal lodging, nothing more."

The Task Force Team also offers
help on the spot, and can call for assistance
from the department’s Homeless Out-
reach Team (H.O.T.) or access to local
housing and rehabilitation facilities.

"Our H.O.T. unit can be called to the site
in less than 20 minutes," Knish said. "The
second time we encounter the same indi-
ruals at the same spot or vicinity, we
have to write a citation for violation of the
city Code. This is where people need to pay
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some of the oversized vehicle owners seem-
ingsly flout their takeovers of the streets,
residents and homeowners alike wonder
aloud if there is even a city ordinance
prohibiting camping, lodging and sleeping
in Ocean Beach. He said this particular
Municipal Code applies to vehicles owned
by residents or companions on that street,
not to vehicles used as temporary housing
or as a residence.

As a result, travelers and
overnighters don’t qualify as a resident or com-
party vehicle owner on that public street,
making them subject to immediate ticket-

People need to understand the differ-
ce," said Knish. "The 72-hour time-
frame does not apply if someone lives in
a vehicle and uses it as a residence. Saving
and sleeping in a vehicle falls under the
code for illegal lodging and sleeping, and
results in a citation or ticket."

Such citations are $52.50, including
city fees.

He refers to the Municipal Code (Chap-
ter 8, Article 6, Division 0, paragraph 86.21.01), which says "it is unlawful to
use a vehicle while it is parked or standing
on any street as either temporary or per-
manent living quarters, abode or place of
habitation either overnight or day by day."

Knish urged residents to report over-
extremes at Dusty Rhodes Dog Park.

"First of all, we’re here to help and find
solutions," he said. "Unfortunately, people
[transients] make it look like we’re integ-
tionally picking on the homeless. That is
not the case. We don’t automatically
arrest individuals just because they don’t
have a permanent residence.

The standard procedure on a first
encounter is for the officers to collect the
individuals’ personal information and fur-
ther to inform about the breach of code," he
said. "This is considered a first written
warning for illegal lodging, nothing more."

The Task Force Team also offers
help on the spot, and can call for assistance
from the department’s Homeless Out-
reach Team (H.O.T.) or access to local
housing and rehabilitation facilities.

"Our H.O.T. unit can be called to the site
in less than 20 minutes," Knish said. "The
second time we encounter the same indi-
ruals at the same spot or vicinity, we
have to write a citation for violation of the
city Code. This is where people need to pay
the fine or go to court if they so choose.
In 2009, Reality Changers became the leading tutoring program for school districts in all of California and moved to a new headquarters building in City Heights.

Last year, the College Apps Academy was begun, offering assistance to all high school students. And with a growing staff, donor list and many volunteers, Yanov is able to offer an increasing array of services to five inner-city students free for every single full-paying member.

In the San Diego Unified School District, Reality Changers has opened a Senior Academy on three high school campuses: Lincoln, Madison and Point Loma (PLHS). Yanov’s dream has seen his $100 seed money become more than $1.5 million in scholarships for more than 300 students.

All students must demonstrate they are motivated and willing to complete tasks like working 50 volunteer hours every year in the community and submitting to random drug testing.

Inner-city students meet at the Reality Changers building twice a week at 6 p.m. for practice on SAT testing, vocabulary and communication development, a family-style dinner, guest speakers, speech contests, leadership development and one-on-one tutoring.

The PLHS Senior Academy group, comprised of 25 seniors, received help from Reality Changers’ business professionals and community volunteers with college applications, scholarships and financial aid.

PLHS Principal Bobbie Samilson, a staunch supporter of Reality Changers, gathered four of her seniors to share their backgrounds and how they have benefited from the organization.

• Sabahudin Redzepovic
  Family background: Family relocated from Sarajevo, Bosnia to Olm, Germany where he was born in a refugee camp in 1993. After five years, they made contact with a cousin and were able to move to Louisville, Ky., where his father, using a $10,000 grant, opened a restaurant. Later moved to San Diego in 1999 because his father had always dreamed about “living next to an ocean.” Neither of his parents went to high school and his mother grew up on a farm with “farm work as her No. 1 priority.”
  College goals: Has applied to six of the eight Ivy League schools, Stanford and four UC campuses, 22 universities total. Top choice: Princeton.
  Career goal: An international diplomat or U.S. ambassador to his homeland of Bosnia.

• Tatiana Garcia
  Family background: Mother came to the U.S. from Chile at the age of 5 when her parents were told their family may be killed by a Chilean dictator. Mexican father, born in the U.S., and mother both completed high school only. Parents divorced when she was 6. Father, uncles and cousins have gang and drug backgrounds. Credits grandmother taking and cousins have gang and drug backgrounds. Credits grandmother taking
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  Career goal: Learning toward psychology or social work “because I want to be able to give back and help people like those in my family. I know that nowadays helping people isn’t the best way to make money but that’s what is going to make my life.”

• Santiago Gonzalez
  Family background: Family’s mother is from Mexico City. Father born in the U.S. but was in Mexico City when both met. Family lived in Florida when he was born. Neither parent completed college.
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• Chris Yancovic
  Family background: Father is one of the most modest men I have ever met. He gives himself little credit.

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Among 25 Point Loma High School members of the “Reality Changers” program are, from left, Santiago Gonzalez, Tatiana Garcia and Sabahudin Redzepovic. Photo by Scott Hopkins / The Beacon

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Parents never disciplined him with schoolwork. Cites his divorce during his freshman year as crucial at a time when he was deciding “who I was going to become” until he recovered during sophomore year.

College goals: Has been accepted at both Point Loma Nazarene University and San Diego State University. Credits a successful, college-graduate girlfriend of his father who believed in and mentored him.

Career goal: Plans to be in a helping profession, preferably a psychiatrist. “I struggled a lot my freshman year. I decided I wanted a better life for myself and to be happier. It’s always intrigued me why people do the things they do and the way the mind and people work in general. It’s always helped me when I talk with another person and I want to be that person.”

On Reality Changers: “They really gave me the extra push that I needed. They motivated me not just on a minimal level but get personal with me. They helped me with my perspective and opened new doors. On Reality Changers: Her mom knew very little about the college application process but got personal with me. They guided you through every step of the process as you put in and there are always a large number of possibilities. "You get as much from the program as you put in and there are extremely capable people there to help. They guide you through every step of the process. The most difficult part of the process is writing your essay, the introspection. What makes you unique? I learned a lot about myself, and we laughed and cried together."

Chiara Gilbert is also among the PLHS students involved in “Reality Changers.” Photo by Scott Hopkins / The Beacon

The Holy Cows, an award-winning robotics team from High Tech High that has received national recognition for its work, demonstrated its technical prowess again this month. Competing in the San Diego regional robotics event called “Rebound Rumble” earlier this month at the Valley View Casino Center (formerly the San Diego Sports Arena), The Holy Cows earned the prestigious Chairman’s Award and, by virtue of that, qualify for the For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) World Championship in St. Louis, Mo. from April 25-28.

The San Diego event challenged students to build a robot to play basketball while traversing a field of obstacles. The FIRST organization is designed to ignite young people’s passion for science, technology, engineering and mathematics, but also to spread the message of FIRST to other people and to reach out to the community through volunteer work. Teams must be an active part of their community if they hope to win the coveted Chairman’s Award, an honor more prestigious than winning the robotics competition itself. The Holy Cows have won the award every single year,” said Faulconer. “The lights will not be going out on San Diego beaches. As a proud representative of Mission Bay and many of San Diego’s beach communities, my priority has been protecting and celebrating San Diego’s beaches, and I have been working hard to improve the quality of life for all San Diegans,” Faulconer said. “To the San Diegans who have donated to fire pits over the years, you stood up for the amenities you love and City Hall has listened. We’re going to have a great spring and a great summer, and the tradition of fire pits in San Diego will continue.”

Funds from the projected surplus have already been allotted to restore library and recreation center hours, add 15 police cadets to the next police academy and replace an outdated fire station alert system with one that officials said will save one minute off response time.

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Annual ‘Hungry Dog Dash’ fundraiser poised to sprint into action March 25

Dr. Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

Who let the dogs out? These Pointers dogs are members of the Point Loma High School (PLHS) cross-country team, and they’re inviting neighbors to run and walk with them in a big upcoming event that promises fun for everyone.

The second annual “Hungry Dog Dash,” a 5K run and walk event, takes place March 25 at Liberty Station, and organizers are promising a doggone good time for all.

Proceeds from the event will benefit PLHS cross-country team runners.

Starting at 8 a.m. at NTC Park, runners and walkers will enjoy waterfront views in this USA Track & Field sanctioned event.

There are several dash features that should leave both human and canine participants’ tails wagging.

Dogs and strollers are allowed and encouraged, and participants will receive a Hungry Dog Dash T-shirt, goodie bags and dog tags. A “Poker Run” (extra fee), where persons along Dog Dash T-shirt, goody bags and dog tags. A wagging.

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For more than 50 years, the SDYC has hosted regattas to various ports in Mexico, including the popular biennial San Diego to Puerto Vallarta Regatta.

On March 13, the 51st installment of the race took to the ocean in a 1,000 nautical-mile challenge that in past has featured such notable families as the Dinsey and Scrpps.

Two of the boats in the field of 15 challengers this year were of special interest.

The sailors did not have to rely on heavy winds to break the regatta’s previous records and enjoyed sunny days and a full moon at night.

As expected, the Loewel, a 60-foot trimaran skippered by H.L. Ensor of the Silvergate Yacht Club in Point Loma was the first to cross the finish line, finishing in four days at a speed of 25 knots. Actor Kevin Costner used the LoeReal as his ocean-based home in the 1995 adventure movie “Waterworld.”

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The Loewel, a trimaran favored to win this year’s 31st Biennial San Diego to Puerto Vallarta Regatta from Shelter Island, once starred as actor Kevin Costner’s ocean-based home in the 1995 adventure movie “Waterworld.”

For more information and finish times, visit www.vallarta race/PV 2012 or www.sdryc.org/pv/.

PLHS readies for new turf field, amenities

Dr. Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

When Point Loma High School (PLHS) seniors toss their caps skyward at the conclusion of their John Voltaire Stadium ceremony, it will also mark the end for the well-worn artificial turf where those caps land.

And while they will not be gone by graduation day, the line of sky blue, portable toilets behind the Pointer Stadium are also about to vanish.

And in about time for both projects, according to school officials.

After years of waiting to replace the old turf, San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) officials have given the go-ahead to completely replace the old surface with a beautiful new surface that will incorporate school logos, words and designs.

PLHS Athletic Director John Murphy is seeking input from students about which Pointer mascot drawing is preferred.

Work begins June 13 with the goal of completing installation in time for the first Pointer home football game in September.

Murphy said the old field, which is extensively used by community groups in combination with school use, was too small a number of places. Twice in recent years, a crew has been summoned to attempt repair by stitching pieces back together.

A SDUSD supervisor told an audience at Cerro Costa Middle School last year that the manufacturer of the PLHS field is no longer in business, but that the district has found a new supplier whose product has been proven the best available.

This company has been used to install all new turf fields at SDUSD sites in recent years.

The field was due for replacement several years ago but budgetary problems repeatedly stalled the project. In the end, Murphy said, the issue of student safety became the key factor.

The bank of blue portable toilets has been a source of embarrassment and inconvenience for visitors annually at Pete Ross Stadium. They were installed as an emergency measure when the previous restroom building was condemned by inspectors and demolition was ordered several years ago.

SDUSD officials are planning to make the Voltaire Street entrance site more attractive by constructing a combination building that will contain a ticket booth, snack bar and rest rooms.

The improvements will make the new restrooms a welcome improvement, Murphy said.

But he said he also expects the new building to add efficiency to game-day operations, and parents in the snack bar should enjoy the added space and comfort, compared to the concrete dungeon where volunteers have worked for decades.

Construction on the project is due to begin in May and guests using this entrance at the June 1 graduation will be walking through the project to access seating.

The current snack bar area will become a storage area for athletic equipment.

SD to Puerto Vallarta race features boats of note

Dr. Mike McCarthy | The Beacon

The San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC) on Shelter Island has been a major facilitator of open-ocean sailing races for many years. It is also home to the oldest trophy in sailing and other international sports — the America’s Cup.

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Musicians to band together for memorial concert

San Diego’s music community constantly comes together to help a good cause, and that’s especially true when one of those in need is a fellow musician. Such is the case with the Benefit Jam for the family of the late Jeffrey “Francois” Dixon being held on March 24 at Humphrey’s Backstage Lounge.

Dixon, best known as guitarist with the band Rising Star, passed away last month. A host of musical friends will get together to throw an all-day tribute concert to help his family cover expenses. A number of San Diego’s top club bands will perform, finishing off the night at 9 p.m. with a full show from Rising Star.

The event, the third of three held around San Diego, has been organized by Dixon’s nephew, drummer Carleton Overstreet Jr., who will perform at the benefit with his own group, the Willows, and bands such as Pleazure, Wild and Other Things were taken care of.”

“Any local musician that knew him didn’t have any problem committing to these concerts. Everyone has been more than happy to help out.”

“Benefit for Jeffrey Dixon: 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 at Humphrey’s Backstage Lounge, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, $12. For more information, visit www.humphreysbackstagelive.com.

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Shelter Island artist and resident Todd Krasovetz recently received national acclaim for his paintings in the genre of "military art." His work is on display in military hospitals and museums across the United States, and one painting in particular — "Wings of Hope" — will be seen on Lifetime Network’s "Army Wives" on Thursday, March 29.

The "Army Wives" deal came about when the show’s set designer, Mary Ricker, saw Krasovetz’s work online. Ricker was in need of some pieces for the set and had the show’s attorneys send over a contract that same day. "Wings of Hope" depicts a wounded Marine being aided off of the battlefield by a Navy Corpsman and is one of his most widely published pieces.

Although Krasovetz has been working feverishly over the last 15 years, he remains ever the family man and patriot. He was born in Frankfurt, Germany in 1970 while his father was stationed in the U.S. Army. "We moved around a lot. You know, the typical ‘Army brat’ bit," said Krasovetz. "My brother was a corpsman for 12 years, and I was very influenced by that." Krasovetz's work is on display in the United States, and one painting in particular — "Wings of Hope" — will be seen on Lifetime Network’s "Army Wives" on March 29.

"Wings of Hope" is one of Krasovetz’s most thankful of Krasovetz’s work. They have taken him longer than expected, but it has definitely been an interesting project. For more information on Krasovetz and his work, visit www.official-military-art.com.

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Celebrity chef opens Gabardine in Point Loma

By MARKO LAMB | THE BEACON

Like a refreshing ocean breeze, celebrity chef Brian Malarkey and hospitality developer James Brennan have swept into Point Loma with an innovative, new dining concept to add to their expanding repertoire of popular restaurants like Searsucker in the Gaslamp District, Burlap in Del Mar and the forthcoming Herrington in La Jolla.

The recently opened Gabardine restaurant, located at 1005 Rosecrans St., is host to an invitingly bright and refreshing atmosphere that entices guests to “plop at the bar and dine” over creative, exquisitely prepared Portuguese-style cuisine, local craft brews, carefully selected wines and trend-setting spertif cocktails by Snake Oil Cocktail Co.

Gabardine is different from our other restaurants in that it is a more intimate and boutique-style experience,” said managing partner James Brennan. “Food enthusiasts can expect a unique experience in a vibrant atmosphere, where new culinary adventures can be had.”

Leading the kitchen’s adventurous takes on seafood is celebrated chef Chad White, dubbed by Malarkey as the “sea urchin guru of Southern California.”

“I have many fond memories of Point Loma and am excited to be back in this cozy fishing town, working alongside Brian Malarkey,” said White. “I look forward to bringing unique, local catch to the restaurant and creating new culinary experiences for diners and seafood lovers.”

Gabardine is open for dinner Sundays through Thursdays from 5 to 10 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 5 to 11 p.m., and for Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch buffets and picnic basket style lunches are also available.

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SATURDAY, March 24
- The Point Loma Association will team with Point Loma Nazarene University to clean up the frontage road median on Catalina Boulevard. The cleanup will tackle trimming, weeding and trash, beginning at 9 a.m. Participants are asked to bring tools to cut and prune shrubs and brooms supplied. Participants are asked to gather at Lamoland Drive and Catalina Boulevard. For more information, call Robert Tropp Jackson at (619) 987-1970.
- Local author Brittany Hudson holds a book-signing event for her new children's book called "It's Good to Share." The event takes place at 11 a.m. at Only Kidz, Children's Shop, located at 36-19 Midway Drive, Suite E, in Point Loma. For more information, visit www.booksare4kids.com, or call (619) 224-1475.
- Friends of the San Diego River Mouth, a chapter of the San Diego River Park Foundation, meets for its regular habitat restoration project from 9 a.m. to noon at Dog Beach in Ocean Beach. Activities will include a guided-walking nature tour through four distinct habitat zones, native-plant rescue and trail maintenance. All tools and supplies will be provided. Wear work clothes and closed-toe shoes. To sign up, call (6) 297-7380 or email volunteer@sandiegozoo.org.

SUNDAY, March 25
- The Ocean Beach Historical Society (OBHS) hosts its annual Wisteria Tea Party at 1 p.m. at 4761 Niagara Ave., in Ocean Beach. The event will include a drawing for prizes donated by local businesses and friends of OBHS. This year’s event will serve as a tribute to longtime society member Ned Titlow. Under the largest wisteria canopy in Ocean Beach, guests will enjoy delectable live music by violinist Alcina Prevuz, cellist Mark Sanders, singer Antonio Johnson, and accordionist Bill Corwin, violinist Gina James and mandolin-player Kenny James. The minimum suggested donation is $8 for members and $10 for non-members. For more information, visit www.obhistory.org.

WEDNESDAY, March 28
- Point Loma United Methodist Church offers free gentle yoga and chair yoga to help participants relieve pain. Classes cater to those who are not flexible and who are unable to be on the floor. The class takes place from noon to 1:25 p.m. and includes a talk about the benefits of yoga therapy. No previous experience is necessary. The church is located at 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. To register, email info@lapazumc.org, or call (619) 788-4838.

SATURDAY, March 31
- Free Easter-egg hunt, arts and crafts, stories and a sing-along at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 5701 Voltaire St. The event begins at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call head librarian Christine Gonzalez at (619) 531-1539.
- Melita & Kaye’s Memorial 5K Walk and Fun Run is scheduled to begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. at NTC Park at Liberty Station. The event, which includes a health fair, live music and children’s activities, celebrates the lives of loved ones and raises funds to support Port San Diego Hospice programs. The walk and fun run begins at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call (619) 278-4441, email walkinfo@sds hospice.org, or visit www.sdhospice.org/walk.

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FRIDAY, March 23
Sunset View Elementary hosts its 15th annual Dinner Dance Auction, dubbed “Improving Our View,” to benefit the school, featuring a silent auction, live auction and pre-event online auction. The event takes place at the Kona Kai Resort, 1551 Shelter Island Drive. The event’s emcee is Ch. 4 TV sports personality Jane Mitchell and the auctioneer is Point Loma native Chris Cramer, co-founder of Karl Strauss Beers. A hosted bar takes place from 5 to 6 p.m. with a no-host bar following. The silent auction takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Dancing to Las Vegas-style club music takes place until 11 p.m. The event website is www.konakairesort.com.kdaa.

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Date: Saturday, March 24 Time: 9-12 Place: Meet at Catalina/Loma Land Wear: Work clothes, closed toe shoes, gloves Bring: Loppers, rakes, brooms, cordless chain saw (put your name/initials on your equipment) Neighbors: We could use your green bins and any input you may have on the trimming.

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Pacific Sotheby’s International Realty Announces Mike Marmion as New General Manager

SAN DIEGO, CA (March 2012) - Brian Arrington, President of Pacific Sotheby’s International Realty announced that Mike Marmion has joined the firm as the new General Manager of the Pacific Sotheby’s International Realty offices. Marmion will assume his position on March 1, 2012.

Prior to joining Pacific Sotheby’s International Realty, Mike Marmion served as Office Manager for Prudential CA Realty and McMillin Realty. Marmion has extensive experience as a manager, "says Arrington. "He is a dynamic leader who has extensive knowledge and experience as a manager," Marmion was a San Diego Association of Realtors "Manager of the Year as a true leader," Marmion was a San Diego Association of Realtors "Manager of the Year 2010 and 2011.

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