Japan gifts cherry trees to symbolize blossoming friendship

By MARIKO LAMB | THE BEACON

The Yokohama Friendship Bell pavilion on Shelter Island and Tuna Harbor Park near the USS Midway Museum will get colorful pops of pink just in time for spring with the planting of more than 20 "Pink Cloud" cherry trees.

V Yukio Ozaki donated more than 3,000 cherry trees that can be seen today in Washington, D.C. around the tidal basins and adjacent areas in east and west Potomac parks. Despite a violent history between the two countries during World War II, the gift was meant to symbolize peace and friendship.

As a measure of the ever-blossoming camaraderie between the United States and Japan, Japanese Consul General Kuniko Nakamura presented Port Chairman Lou Smith and vice chairwoman Ann Moore with the offer of the cherry trees alongside a

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Curtailed hours, services at libraries, rec centers to be restored after windfall

Timing is right as OB library reopens Saturday

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Mayor Jerry Sanders announced good news on the budget front recently, declaring that a combination of money-saving reforms and a modest recovery of tax revenue will allow the city to restore some community services — including public library and recreation center hours — that were slashed in recent years.

As timing would have it, there is even more good news for local bookworms. The Ocean Beach Branch Library will be the site of a celebratory reopening ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, marking the end of an eight-to-nine-week closure for repairs, according to George Murphy, outgoing president of the Friends of the Ocean Beach Library.

The branch, at 4801 Santa Monica Ave., was shuttered in January for re-roofing, some fresh coats of paint and recarpeting. Saturday’s event will include an appearance by District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer.

Supporters will have not only the reopening to celebrate, but also the positive big-picture news for library and rec center users.

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The 64th year of the Kiwanis Ocean Beach Kite Festival took flight March 3, much to the amusement of youngsters and parents alike. The children, like those above, constructed kites from materials provided by Ocean Beach Elementary School, Kiwanis and the Ocean Beach Recreation Center. The kites were then flown at the school’s playground in perfect weather conditions. Below left and right in foreground, 6-year-old Silvergate Elementary School student Eve Norban comes up with her own peace-sign design.

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**LOCAL PLANNING ELECTIONS: AT-A-GLANCE**

**PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD**
- **Jurisdiction:** Ocean Beach Highlands, Port Loma Highlands, Loma Alta, Loma Palisades, Loma Portal, Reinstein, Roseville, Sunset Cliffs, Wooded Area, La Playa, Rosalie, Liberty Station
- **Number of positions available:** 3
- **Length of term:** 3 years
- **Eligible incumbents:** Nancy Graham, Rebecca Michael, Bruce Coons
- **Termed out:** Helen Kinnard
- **Candidate forum:** March 8, 6:30 p.m., Pt. Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire St.
- **Last day to apply:** March 8; visit www.pcpb.net website or attend forum
- **Election:** March 15, 3:30 to 8 p.m., Pt. Loma Library

**OCEAN BEACH PLANNING BOARD**
- **Jurisdiction:** North Ocean Beach, north of the mid-block between Santa Monica Avenue and Saratoga Avenue; South Ocean Beach, south of Niagara Avenue; and The Hill, east of Sunset Cliffs. Area is split into several smaller planning districts, including Leucadia
- **Number of positions available:** 4
- **Eligible incumbents:**
  - Nick Duran
  - Mitchell Tokalar
- **Termed out:** Walter Andersen, Melanie Nickel
- **Candidate forum:**
  - March 9
  - Last day to apply: March 14; call (619) 226-2800 for more information.

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- **Landry Watson,** District 2: Seth Coons
- **Eligible incumbents:**
  - Chris Veum
  - Helen Kinnard
- **Number of positions available:** 6
- **Termed out:**
  - Landry Watson
  - Chris Veum
  - Helen Kinnard

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The Thursday Club’s 85th annual Rummage Sale on March 10 and 11 is a thrifty shopper’s paradise with valuable goods to be found at rock-bottom prices—and all for a good cause. The history-rich Point Loma-based organization’s flagship fundraiser has become the largest rummage sale in San Diego County, attracting more than 4,000 visitors and raising $100,000 for a number of community organizations last year alone.

Whether an in-and-out shopper or one who enjoys perusing the aisles for hours, first-time visitors to this year’s rummage sale at the Balboa Park Activity Center may be pleasantly surprised.

“It’s gotten bigger and better and more revenue-producing each year,” Geller said.

Last year, the Thursday Club raised a record-breaking $100,000 for local organizations in Balboa Park and in the community, and the organization hopes to hit that number again with this year’s sale.

Geller said she expects attendance to be around 4,000 again this year. “Some people even camp out overnight,” said Geller of the community’s enthusiasm for the annual sale.

“Most people know if you are looking for a certain item, you want to be first in line. It’s pretty exciting.”

This year, the Point Loma marching band will entertain those dedicated shoppers who waited through the wee hours of the morning with musical entertainment at 8:30 a.m. just before the doors open.

Another treat for visitors is a half-off sale all day Sunday for people to scoop up those remaining treasures at a heavily discounted price.

“It’s a paradise for shoppers because there’s always such a variety of good quality items,” Geller said.

The Thursday Club’s 85th annual Rummage Sale will take place on March 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and March 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.thethursdayclub.org or call (619) 224-5264.
Drivers in Ocean Beach and Point Loma are feeling the angst of escalating gas prices. According to a report by AAA and a study by the Lundberg Survey last week, San Diego prices are among the highest in the nation. According to surveys by www.sandiegogasprices.com, prices had risen on March 5 by 3.2 cents per gallon over the previous week, for an average of $4.35 a gallon. A sampling of local stations over the weekend showed the Arco station at Rosecrans Street and Sunset Cliffs at $4.59.

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THREE DAYS LEFT — OFFER EXPIRES MARCH 11TH.
disappearing attraction in America, ahead of Florida's Everglades National Park. The bluffs are made of sandstone, porous enough to absorb water in large quantities without much effect. But strategically, even minimal erosion might lead to a much larger collapse of a cliffside, as has been the case in the past. As talk about solutions and options continues, the bluffs continue their slow descent, said one environmental watchdog official.

“The cliffs, in their natural state, are fully capable of dealing with runoff, what we call incident rainfall,” said Julia Chunn-Heer, San Diego Surfrider Foundation’s campaign coordinator. “Where we see the problem is the run-on to the park. The run-off surrounding the park becomes the run-on to the park from the hard rocks and from the adjacent Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and from our drainage system. “When it’s clogged with debris, the water skips over it and directly onto the bluffs,” she said. “And right now, the parking lot is sloped toward the ocean, so all the water from that entire hard surface is concentrated to one area. The volume and velocity of the run-on is what’s causing the erosion.”

The city has been aware of the erosion problem since 1992, when regional monitoring agencies directed the municipality to address an emerging pollution issue near the park shore. The agencies said the effects of stormwater compounded the erosion factor, which they linked to contaminants in the ocean. Then came the California Coastal Commission’s 2005 master plan, which urged greater efforts in drainage control. It criticized “[the] lack of a strong planning framework and a comprehensive systems planning approach,” which has resulted in “soils compaction, loss of native vegetation and erosion from uncontrolled bicycle traffic [and] unde...
A Conservatorship is for adults over 18 that need a legal advocate to take care of themselves or their finances. They can be established for elderly adults and for developmentally disabled adults. A doctor has to declare that the individual is unable to take care of their own affairs. A guardian is appointed when the parents are unable to care for a minor child or in the event they inherit funds or have a personal injury settlement, for example.

A Guardianship is established when the parents declare them incompetent, which means that they are unable to make their own decisions or are unable to resist undue influence. A Guardianship is also used when the state has decided that a child's welfare is at risk when the parents are unable to care for the child.

Both are court procedures that require a lot of time and paperwork to name someone as a conservator or a guardian. Usually, the conservator or guardian of the property is also appointed as the guardian of the person. Usually, the conservator or guardian of the person is also appointed as the conservator of the property.

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There’s something special in the oven at Con Pane Rustic Breads & Café

BY MARSHA KAY SEFF | THE BEACON

It’s not your mother’s Wonder Bread baking at Con Pane Rustic Breads & Café inside Liberty Station. An early-morning visit confirms there’s something special in the ovens. The place is humming and there’s a line of customers from the cash register to the door. Added space is the reason Con Pane moved in 2010 from its original building on Rosecrans Street to the Dewey Road site in Liberty Station. Even now, proprietress and head baker Catherine Perez said she can’t pick a favorite bread, “The definition depends on who you ask.” Perez said, “But she points out that her approach is “more natural, away from processing.”

Her bakers follow old European methods, with natural starters, long fermentation and hand-shaping. Ingredients include unbleached wheat flour, whole wheat flour, filtered water, olive oil, cracked whole wheat and flax seed, depending on the particular bread. Then, loaves are baked directly on the stone deck of the oven, not in pans. Daily breads include a variety of baguettes for between $1.15 and $2.35. Also on the daily menu are rosemary olive oil, French country; artisan multi-grain; Point Loma sourdough; raisin and hazelnut; ciabatta; Kalama-ta olives, and garlic; potato and cream cheese focaccia. Most loaves cost between $3.45 and $4.25.

Then there are the weekly bread specials: German rye with caraway seeds (Mondays); cranberry, orange and walnut, as well as pesto and feta focaccia (Tuesdays); gruyere and chive, whole-wheat walnut and gorgonzola, roasted red onion walnut focaccia (Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays); challah (Fridays); and pane cioccolatta (chocolate bread) on Saturday and Sunday. For holidays, the café offers seasonal specials, like wild rice and onion bread (Fridays), and pane cioccolatta (choco- late bread) on Saturday and Sunday. For customers with a real sweet tooth, the brioche cinnamon rolls, with and without raisins, are the favorites at $3. Con Pane also makes its own cook- ies, including butter toffee peanut but- ter and dark chocolate chunk for $1.75. Rustic scones go for $2.45 and include pear almond (daily), and apric- ot. “If it’s a simple meal,” she said, “You want a bread that is a little more robust, such as rosemary and olive oil, Kalama- ta olive or gruyere and chive.”

Specialty sandwiches include the turkey cobb, “which put us on the map,” with roasted turkey breast, applewood smoked bacon, fresh avoca- do, crumbled gorgonzola cheese and house-roasted Roma tomatoes, $4.75 for a half and $7.65 for a whole. For vegetarians, there’s a veggie cobb with Romaine lettuce, Miun green leaves, fresh avocado, house-roasted Roma tomatoes, onions and gorgonzola cheese, $4.45 for half and $7.15 for a whole. Bread plates include a choice of three slices with cream cheese, $3.95, and three slices with house-made basil pesto, goat cheese and olive oil, $4.95. Breads are baked fresh daily, starting at 1 a.m. Any leftovers go to either employees or St. Vincent de Paul. For customers with a real sweet tooth, the brioche cinnamon rolls, with and without raisins, are the favorites at $3. Con Pane also makes its own cook- ies, including butter toffee peanut but- ter and dark chocolate chunk for $1.75. Rustic scones go for $2.45 and include pear almond (daily), and arpi-
Dog Beach Design works to brand OB

By PATRICIA WALSH | THE BEACON

Ashley Lewis is in the business of branding businesses. So when it came to naming her own company, she knew Dog Beach Design said it all. “It identifies me with Ocean Beach and places me as part of the community,” Lewis said. “I don’t know why people don’t use the name more.”

Appropriately, Lewis’ colorful and iconic illustrations market Ocean Beach with resort, family-friendly images. She created the logo and street signs for the 2011 and 2012 Ocean Beach Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off, the cover of the OB Business Directory and the logo commemorating this year’s celebration of Ocean Beach’s 125th anniversary.

When she opened Dog Beach Design three years ago, the first thing Lewis did was join Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA), the management organization for the OB Business Improvement District and the Newport Avenue Landscape Maintenance District.

Denny Knox, OBMA executive director, remembers Lewis getting immediately involved by volunteering for the OBMA marketing committee. “We saw her design capability, we knew she could capture the essence of Ocean Beach,” Knox said. For this year’s Ocean Beach Chili Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off, set for Saturday, June 23, Lewis created a multi-generational image of a family of surfers.

“You really find out what’s going on through OBMA,” Lewis said. “They are truly invested in helping businesses succeed and making Ocean Beach a great destination.”

A native of Utah, Lewis was an editorial cartoonist at the University of Utah while she majored in chemical engineering. She served in the Navy as a nuclear engineer aboard the USS Jarrett and USS Nimitz before settling in Minneapolis for six months, then was time to pursue her dream. “Going from engineering to design may sound like a huge step, but it was a very easy transition,” Lewis said. “It was all connected.”

“People are more visual,” Lewis said. “It’s very helpful to have something to show them.”

And on any given day she can get a dose of what she calls “pure happiness” from Dog Beach Design, ball-chasing, wave-splashing stretch of beach that is a brand of its own. For more information on Dog Beach Design, visit www.dogbeachdesign.com. For more information on OBMA and the 125th anniversary of Ocean Beach, visit www.oceanbeachsandiego.com.

**Bakery**

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Russet potato cornmeal spice (Tuesdays and Fridays)

In addition to the retail business, the bakery has started selling wholesale to a small clientele of top restaurants.

“It was always in the back of my mind that I wanted to start my own business,” Perez said.

She has a degree in finance from San Diego State University and worked in the field for a decade before deciding it was time to pursue her dream.

She studied with a French baker in Minneapolis for six months, then brought him to Point Loma to consult on the bakery set-up and recipes.

When Perez opened the original space, she began baking at 4 a.m. and didn’t leave until 10 p.m.

“I was surprised how much work it was,” said Perez. “I thought (opening a bakery) was like entertaining your friends at home.”

Today, Con Pane bakes 165 days a year with a team of bakers. The café is open daily (except Wednesdays) from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Though it’s closed to customers on Wednesdays, employees still bake for the wholesale customers.

Perez said she no longer has to do all the work herself. She trains, coaches and manages her staff of 30. Even so, she’s in the kitchen 6 or 8 a.m. and stays until 6 p.m.

She said her employees are diverse—“like crayons.” In fact, she has a jobbie she once copied hanging in her office: “Employees are like a box of crayons ... Some are sharp and some are dull, some are pretty and some are interesting, some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.”

Like the employees, Perez said, her customers are a cross-section of San Diego, including tourists; military personnel; retired fishermen; college students; Sunday churchgoers; “lady walkers, who incorporate a stop at the bakery in their walks,” and yacht owners, who stock up for weekend regattas.

Perez said she kept almost 80 percent of her customers when she moved and new ones are coming daily. She greets many of the old-timers by name.

Asked when she has time for a social life, Perez asks, “Social life? What social life?”

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THE PENINSULA BEACON
Peninsula area alive with sounds of baseball action

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

“Play ball!” is being shouted all over the Peninsula these days. It’s baseball season and, as spring approaches, the sharp sound of balls rocking off wood or metal bats and the unique “pop” of balls being gloved on a nearby “Field of Dreams” lures viewers to take seats in bleachers and stare through chain link fences, intensely savoring every pitch.

Whether it’s 4-year-old preschoolers hitting off a batting tee, high school varsity players with major league-speed fast balls or an NCAA college program, there is a level of baseball to satisfy everyone in the Point Loma/Ocean Beach communities who enjoys the game when played in its purist form. There is one common benefit all programs share: admission is free.

LITTLE LEAGUE

In youth baseball, the players are getting younger. Kids are now introduced to the sport at the tender age of 4. These preschool divisions are known as “T-Ball” at Peninsula Little League (PLL) and “Bam Bam” at Point Loma Little League (PLL), which combine to serve area youth.

Parents, many with infants in strollers, cheer on their young players attempting to hit a form-a, as youngsters field and throw the regulation baseballs. But many parents laugh heartily as small bodies and the baseball fly in no particular pattern all over the grass field. No scores or outs are recorded and there are no umpires.

The most skilled Little League players play in the “Majors” division, which covers ages 10-12. The “Minors” division at PLL (ages 9-11) is broken down into “National League” (ages 7-9) and “American League” (ages 9-11) at PLL. All 12-year-olds at both leagues play in the “Majors” division.

Also offered at PLL is a four-team “junior” division for ages 8-9-10 and a “Seniors” league (ages 14-16). A "Big League" team (ages 16-18) begins play after the high school season, competing against teams from around the county.

The most special Peninsula baseball program is the Challenger Division program for young people with physical and mental disabilities previously prevented from playing organized sports. Begun nationwide in 1989 by Little League baseball officials, leaders at PLL began a local Challenger program in 2010. Open to ages 5-23 (or completion of high school), games are played at 9 a.m. on Saturdays.

Several rules modifications help create the expressions of joy and ecstasy seen on the faces of Challenger players.

The only other Challenger Division teams in San Diego County are in Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Scripps Ranch and University City.

PLL/JSU POINTS

Point Loma High School (PLHS) fields three teams in baseball. Jesse Nuñez has taken the reins of the Player program after a previous stint at Point Loma Nazarene. Eyebrows were raised throughout the baseball world with the hiring of former major league baseball star (and PLHS alumn) David Wells as pitching coach.

Competing in CIF Div I and the Western League, the varsity and junior varsity Player baseball teams play at David Wells Field on the grounds of Dana Middle School. The freshman team, an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) program, plays at Corena Middle School.

PLNU SEA LIONS

Finally, the collegiate game on the Peninsula is represented by Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU). The Sea Lions have played in the Golden State Athletic Conference (GASC Div I). However, a long-awaited jump will soon take place, elevating Sea Lions teams to the PacWest conference.

The Sea Lions’ Carroll B. Land Field is located at the PLNU campus overlooking the ocean claims the title of “America’s Most Scenic Ballpark.”

PLNU freshman outfielder Sergio Garcia played at PLHS last year.

Free Living History Activities in Old Town State Park

February may be museum month in San Diego but Old Town San Diego State Historic Park has more than 10 free museums open to the public year-round. These museums have ongoing living history activities every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to educate visitors about the lives and expressions found as well as learn the art they found as well as learn the art of their museum.

Every Saturday of the month, the park offers a different taste of historic Southern California. The expressions of joy and ecstasy seen on the faces of the players.

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Barra Barra Unveils New Menu For 2012

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The entrees anticipated to be the biggest hits on the menu are grilled Achiote salmon, sautéed sea bass, prawns sautéed in a light butter garlic sauce and Barra Barra’s seafood paella. The chefs are also adding a “moat lover’s” fajita plate, which will include carnitas, chorizo, chicken and beef all in one serving. Black mussels have also been added on the menu for $11.50.

The restaurant is also including a hickory smokehouse carné to space on the menu, which will offer a variety of slow-cooked meats with hickory wood. Some of the entrees will be hickory-smoked chickens, beef rib with hickory blend and flat iron steak.

Barra Barra Saloon is a part of Fiesta de Reyes plaza, which is located in the northeast corner of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, at the intersection of Wallace and Calvo streets. In addition to Barra Barra Saloon, the plaza hosts the Casa de Reyes restaurant and 18 specialty stores. There is free parking every weekday after 5 p.m. and all weekend only two blocks from the restaurant at the CalTrans headquarters.

For more information call (619) 297-1101 or visit www.FiestaDeReyes.com.

Return to Point Loma High shortstop Justin Baker (No. 7) scores an important run during last week’s 4-3 victory at Montgomery as teammate Brandon Koenan watches. The Pointers won both pre-season games under new head coach Jesse Nuñez.

Pizza to Hallmark the Season

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Volunteers make new PLHS team rooms happen amid budget woes

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

As school budgets continue to shrink statewide, extracurricular activities like sports may find themselves increasingly fighting to avoid extinction.

Recent court rulings have reiterated that parents cannot be charged for their children’s participation in public school’s activities, creating further obstacles for the “extras” like athletic programs that keep many kids in school.

At Point Loma High School (PLHS), a small army of volunteers has turned out to do what taxpayer money cannot. Leading the charge is Kathleen McKaveney, owner of a local design firm with expertise in decoration material usage.

The parent of graduated football and soccer standout Caelle McKaveney (class of 2011) and soccer standout Cade McKaveney (class of 2013) also has a second son, Cade, who has several years to wait before high school.

Kathleen and Cade coordinated a complete renovation of the once-decrepit football locker room two years ago, so when PLHS athletic director John Murphy dreamed of a first-ever team room for girls’ field hockey, soccer and softball, he knew where to start.

Meanwhile, John and Kathleen Enright — whose son, Dan, was approaching his senior season on the Pointer basketball team — wanted to rehabilitate the long-stagnating team room in Lee Trevino Gym.

Now, several months later, Dan Enright and his teammates prepare for games and interact with coaches in a room creatively transformed by Kathleen McKaveney and the Enrights.

Many people also helped by donating or buying materials, noted the parents.

“The Enrights purchased new lighting, new laminate wood-look flooring for the room was purchased on Craigslist and the walls were skim-coated before being repainted to allow better room access and usage. Now a flat-screen TV and other supplies, the new team room for soccer, softball and field hockey players at Point Loma High School was dedicated recently. The couches in the foreground have “Pointers” embroidered by a local company. Crusty old lockers were cleaned and repainted before being repositioned to allow better room access and usage.

The reality is if nobody does these projects, their children may not get to play sports,” McKaveney said.

On the opposite side of the PLHS campus, Murphy saw one end of the girls’ gym as a possible site for a team room for three Pointer teams that had never had such a luxury.

Kathleen McKaveney took a look at the space and signed on for her third Pointer project. It turned out to require all of her energy for three weeks with an assist from son Sean.

“Pointers” embroidered in bright gold thread on the back rests. At a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony, Lady Pointer athletes were immediately drawn to the new furniture pieces.

“None of this would have been possible without the others who were involved,” said Kathleen McKaveney. “Nobody said ‘no’ to our requests.”

She urged others to join the effort.

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Big thanks to everyone who contributed to the Point Loma High School girls’ team room cut the ribbon at the dedication ceremony. From left are Lisa Laube, John Murphy, Kathleen McKaveney and Barry Choy.

Parent workers who contributed to the new Point Loma High School girls’ team room cut the ribbon at the dedication ceremony. From left are Lisa Laube, John Murphy, Kathleen McKaveney and Barry Choy. Photo by Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

Leading the charge is Kathleen McKaveney. “He lifted 12-foot drywall sections into place and we had them all up in three hours.”

Kathleen McKaveney praised soccer team mom Lisa Laube for her help throughout the project. Along with flooring expert Tommy Bell, whose son graduated in 2010, for donating a floor-grinding machine and operator to smooth the uneven floor.

The finished team room in the girls’ gym has new flooring, lockers that have been removed, cleaned, painted and bolted to the gym wall, newly painted walls with silhouettes of athletes in action, vertical maroon and gold wall fabrics and some pretty special couches.

Built by Kathleen McKaveney’s design staff, the couches are covered in a deep maroon leather-like fabric with the word “Pointers” embroidered in bright gold thread on the back rests. At a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony, Lady Pointer athletes were immediately drawn to the new furniture pieces.

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PLHS alum puts up big numbers; Rock Academy suffer defeat in CIF Hoops

SPORTS

PLHS grad Javey helps San Diego Surf slam LA

With the help of Point Loma High School (PLHS) Pointer graduate Ano- thy Javey, the San Diego Surf defeated the Los Angeles Slam 3-90-2-3 in an Ameri- can Basketball Association (ABA) game played at Miramar College's Hour-Glass Arena.

Javey contributed 19 points to the Surf's winning effort and was joined in the San Diego scoring column by David Kindler (29 points), Aaron Timline (24 points) and Duniel Webb (2 points). The Surf came into the contest rated as one of the top 10 teams in the nation- side ABA power rankings. 

"Compared to our team, Los Angeles has got a ton of experience," said Surf coach Shawn Arrams. "This past week, we were able to disrupt them and take them out of what they do well. We need to keep doing that from now on."

The Surf also features five former NBL players, including ex-Los Angeles Clipper center Keith Closs, as well as Grammy Award-winning hip-hop artist "The Game."

--- Rob Stone

Rock Academy fails to Foothills Christian

Despite getting a team-high 15 points from Jayt Dutra, the Rock Academy High Warriors' boys' basketball team suffered a 44-36 defeat by the Foothills Christian Knights in the CIF Div. IV Finals at the University of San Diego's (USD) Jenny Craig Pavilion on March 2.

Dutra, a junior guard, notched 12 rebounds and was followed in the scor- ing column by sophomore guard Jonathan Dutra (eight points), sopho- more forward Holden Hackett (eight points, game-high 15 reboudns) and senior forward Keelan Elliott (five points).

Hackett also had a team-high two- point goals for the Warriors, while Elliott added one of his own. The Knights were paced by the per- formances of junior guard Nick Louden (15 points), senior guard Andre John- son (15 points), sophomore guard Caleb Hoffman (seven points, team-high 12 reboudns), senior guard Joe Bueneste (four points) and sophomore forward Johnny Santilli (four points).

Louden led Foothills Christian with a team-high three-point goals and was followed in the long-range shooting column by Hackett and Santilli with three and two, respectively.

With the victory, the Knights improved to 21-10. The Rock Academy fell to 18-10. — Rob Stone

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Electricity: Humphrey’s Blues Fest and a Grateful Dead tribute

**LIVE MUSIC**

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

The Gaslamp Quarter and Pacific Beach get much attention when it comes to nightlife, but discerning music fans know Ocean Beach—and the surrounding area—can hold its own when it comes to entertainment. From long-established venues like Winston’s and The Harrow to newer spots like The Shakedown Bar and Mothers, the Peninsula area offers up something musical for just about every taste. Here are a few upcoming highlights.

The Shakedown Bar is still fairly new in town, but it’s made a major impact for anyone who enjoys punk rock or harder-edge music, with an amazing lineup of major indie touring acts ranging from Xene to the British band called The Business. On March 8, the venue plays host to New Jersey punk band Electric Frankenstein. Mixing punk influences like The Misfits and The Ramones with hard rock, a la Alice Cooper or AC/DC, the group blasts through its songs with manic energy as this combo, but ear plugs are recommended for anyone near the stage. It’s a mellow show for the group blasts with hard rock, a la Alice Cooper or AC/DC, the group blasts through its songs with manic energy as this combo, but ear plugs are recommended for anyone near the stage.

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Electric Waste Band performs at 9 p.m. on Monday March 12 and Monday March 19 at Winston’s Beach Club, 1921 Bacon St. $5. 21 and up.

One of the area’s best-kept secrets is the amazng music that can be found playing the corner of Newport Avenue and Bacon Street each Wednesday as part of the weekly OB Farmers Market. From up-and-comers to established artists, shoppers at the market can find all manner of music from world to country and in between thanks to the adventurously booking of Michael Houd. On March 14, patrons will be able to catch multiple sets from world music favoritesTodo Mundo. Led by Columbian guitarist Santiago Oroco, the band’s energetic performances are both captivating and uplifting. Anyone wanting a mix of sunshine and good food with its musical entertainment need look no further.

*Todo Mundo* performs at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14 at Ocean Beach Farmers Market, Newport and Bacon Ave. Free. All ages. www.oceanbeachbands.com/events/farmersmarket-wednesdays

St. Patrick’s Day takes place on March 17 and, as usual, in the Ocean Beach area, party central promises to be Gallagher’s. However, since St. Patrick’s Day falls on a Sunday this year, the bar will start its celebration a day early on Friday, March 16 with music from Endless Blues, The Fooks and the Bad Blokes, and will serve up green beer and leprechauns. For those who want to get the party started early, there will even be bowls of Lucky Charms cereal, beginning at 7 a.m. They’ve thought of just about everything.

*St. Patrick’s Day celebration* takes place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 17 at The Harp, 4935 Newport Ave. 21 and up. www.gallagherspubob.com

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The production, directed by Tom Haine, centers around four affluent couples gathered for a dinner party. They encounter comic complications after finding that the deputy mayor of New York City has shot himself through the earlobe. Was it marital violence? Attempted murder? A failed suicide? As the confusions and miscommunications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity.

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The show takes place at Westminster Theatre, located at 1598 Talbot St. General admission is $15, with tickets for students, seniors and military at $11. For reservations or information, call (619) 224-263-263, or visit www.vanguardsd.org.

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The Sons of Norway is one of the largest ethnic fraternal benefit societies in the world. The largest Sons of Nor- way lodge in the United States is in San Diego — Valhalla Lodge 6-25. In Point Loma, a detailed legacy of Norwegian heritage is preserved through Lucy Leon’s hobby of genealogy.

Leon, and her husband, Frederick Martin Leon, who died in 2008, shared interests in the Southern California Sons of Norway lodge and enjoyed travel to Norway. Frederick attended Point Loma High School, where he played football until 1944, before he interrupted his education to join the Navy during World War II. At her home in Loma Portal, Lucy’s dining table is covered with books and binders, photographs and maps that trace the Leon family heritage back to 1895, when Frederick’s mother, Kristine Marie Johnson, was born one of 10 children in Skog, on the island of Rolla, Trøms, Norway.

Kristine immigrated to the United States and married Tore Leon, a native of Ponce, Puerto Rico, where she married Frederick Leon, a native of Point Loma, Puerto Rico. Frederick Sr. was a Navy man who enjoyed travel to Norway. Frederick Sr.’s hobby of genealogy.

Lucy Leon with a photo taken of her husband, Frederick Martin Leon, in 1943 when he played football for Point Loma High School before he interrupted his education to serve in the Navy during World War II. Lucy has binders full of photos and genealogy for everyone, including one for her own family. Through her efforts, Norwegian countrymen who didn’t know they were related became acquainted. Lucy and Frederick Martin Leon have five children and six grandchildren.

Their granddaughter, Mary Grace Chosn, 18, a student at Our Lady of Peace, carries on her Norwegian heritage through her involvement at the House of Norway in Balboa Park, where she has served as queen since 2010. Lucy said her large family is multinational, with one son-in-law who is Chinese and another daughter-in-law who is Irish. Thanks to Lucy’s hobby, all of their children will be able to trace some of their roots back to Norway.

For more information on the Valhalla Lodge, visit www.lodgeofvalhalla.com. For tickets to the 100th anniversary of the Valhalla Lodge, call (619) 299-9237.

Looking ahead

Upcoming events in the Peninsula area, March 11 - March 31

SUNDAY, March 11

All Sons of Norway Church hosts Music on the Point, featuring Christophine Man- noux, virtuoso and professor of organ from Paris. Marcoux will perform a concert of works by Bach on San Diego’s unique Baroque pipe organ, at 4 p.m. in the church, 1474 Catalina Boulevard. For more information, visit www.alloulsomusic@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, March 14

The Point Loma Garden Club will host its monthly meeting at 10 a.m., at the Point Loma Café, located at 4865 Harbor Drive. Featured will be two San Diego mayoral candidates, Carl DeMaio and Nathan Fletcher. A noontime lunch and refreshments are welcome. For more information, call Marilyn at (619) 222-9532.

WEDNESDAY, March 21

The Point Loma Peninsula Republican Women hold their monthly meeting at 10 a.m., at the Point Loma Café, located at 4865 Harbor Drive. Featured will be two San Diego mayoral candidates, Carl DeMaio and Nathan Fletcher. A noontime lunch and refreshments are welcome. For more information, visit www.pipg.org.

Saturday, March 24

• The Point Loma Association will team with NOCTA, the National Outdoor Conservation Association, 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 with, but there will be plenty of rakes, shovels and brooms supplied. Participants are asked to gather at Lomaland Drive and Catalina Boulevard.

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Community Yard Sale Day Planned

Point Loma realtor and lender to sponsor second annual Community Yard Sale Day, Saturday, May 12. The event started last year by long time Point Loma Realtor Bob Woodard was a huge success last year. Woodard decided to make it an annual event. Woodard said, “We had nearly 50 homes that participated last year. Our goal is to double that number of participants. The event brings loads of buyers from across the county and is a great way to clear out those unwanted items and turn them into cash. Last year there were many antiques to be found and there was even a 1950 Chevy at one of the yard sales. You just never know what people will bring out to sell.” It’s a great opportunity for me to be able to get out and discuss home values and sales trends with Point Loma homeowners.

This year Lisa Calabotta, of Bank of America Homes Loans, has joined in to help organize the event. “With such great rates at historic lows, many people simply need to know their options and we aim to help them determine just that,” said Calabotta.

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