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OB Kite Festival set to take to skies for the 66th year

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Dusty Rhodes Park will be host site to the 66th annual Ocean Beach Kiwanis Kite Festival on Saturday, May 10, the day before Mother’s Day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The free, family-oriented community event is touted by organizers as being the nation’s oldest children’s kite festival.

Rescheduled because of a rainout in March, the festival will again feature free kite making and kite flying for children, demonstrations by professional kite flyers, carnival rides and a craft fair.

This year was the first time in memory that rain postponed the Ocean Beach Kiwanis Kite Festival. The late Marton Miller (aka “The Kite Lady”), who organized the festival for decades, was reportedly “a special understanding with the Man Upstairs.”

New this year at the kite festival — which is co-sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and the Ocean Beach Recreation Center — will be San Diego’s finest gourmet food trucks. Participating children will be offered free hot dogs.

“It’s one of the biggest yearly events for our kids,” said Miller, in 2013.

River Days poised to celebrate joy, beauty of 52-mile waterway

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Ocean Beach will launch four events dedicated to the wider celebration of the 11th annual San Diego River Days between May 10 and 18 along the 52-mile length of the San Diego River.

Here are some of the events being planned to clean up and return local waterways to their pristine state in the Ocean Beach community:

• Youth Day of Service near the river mouth at Robb Field: Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Robb Field parking area at 2500 Bacon St. This event is hosted by the San Diego River Park Foundation and Friends of the River Mouth. Volunteers will be asked to rehabilitate a neglected section of the trail by tending to drought-tolerant native plants. Docents will provide guided tours of beautification efforts.

• Open house at the river mouth: Sunday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Meet at the Dog Paw at the Dog Beach parking lot west of Voltaire Street. The event is hosted by Friends of the River Mouth. Come and celebrate joy, beauty of 52-mile waterway.

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Navy’s necessary pipeline relocation fuels safety fears

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

The Navy says relocating a section of its 17.3-mile fuel pipeline between Naval Base Point Loma and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar from the coast to Rosecrans Street is an operational imperative, although some residents have expressed fear during public meetings that the relocation project could pose a serious public-safety threat.
The Point Loma-based La Playa Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary will host its 19th annual Celebration of Champions event at the Embarcadero Marina Park North on Saturday, May 10.

The Celebration of Champions celebrates the heroic efforts of children with cancer, their families and healthcare professionals, and raises much-needed funds for the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders.

“Cancer kills more children than any other disease, and all children are potentially at risk,” said JoAnne Auger, registered nurse and supportive-care coordinator at the Peckham Center.

“All ‘celebration’ donations and sponsorship funds raised support the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego and its programs providing social, psychological and emotional support to the children and their families throughout the course of illness, treatment and recovery,” she said.

More than 100 young champions who are currently fighting cancer or have survived cancer will be participating in this year’s event.

Each champion will run, walk or be carried an eighth of a mile holding the “torch of life” while being accompanied by a family member, sponsor and celebrity. The champion will then pass the torch to another child for his/her symbolic run.

“Our fundraising efficiency is 100 percent, meaning that every dollar contributed goes to support the children at the Peckham Center,” said Mario Miller, sponsorship chairman.

“The event is staffed completely with volunteers. No salaries, fees or fundraising commissions are paid,” she said.

Anyone can be a sponsor. Five不同的 sponsorship levels from individual to corporate levels are available ranging from $1.50 to $25,000.

For more information, visit www.celebrationofchampions.com or become a supporter by visiting cocfsponsors@gmail.com. Every year, the Celebration of Champions raises nearly $400,000. Become a sponsor and help make the difference in the lives of children battling cancer.

The Celebration of Champions was founded by the La Playa Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary. The group consists of women from Point Loma dedicated to volunteering their time and resources to help raise funds for Rady Children’s.

To date, the La Playa Unit has raised over $6 million. The Celebration of Champions includes a relay for life, balloon release memorial and other activities designed to pay homage to the heroic efforts of the participating child champions and their families.

The Celebration of Champions is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charity. EIN 13-0170626. For more information on the Celebration of Champions, log on to: http://www.celebrationofchampions.com.
Meeting planned amid trolley corridor-route flap

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

May 9 is D-Day for the La Jolla condo residents who will invade a San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) board meeting to lobby against a proposal to bring the Mid-Corridor Transit System trolley project closer to their homes, which they fear could negatively impact their quality of life.

The project would extend trolley service from the Santa Fe Depot in downtown San Diego — past its present east-bound curvature at the Old Town/Point Loma border — north to University City.

The trolley extension would serve Old Town, UCSD and Westfield UTC. Construction is expected to begin in 2015, with service starting in 2018.

But there’s a lot of time — and a long way — between now and then, say Cape La Jolla Gardens residents, who want to ensure residents’ opinions aren’t bypassed in SANDAG’s efforts to select the trolley extension’s final alignment.

Condo spokesman Michael Krupp said he and his neighbors aren’t opposed to the trolley’s extension: they just want a practical — not a political — decision made on the path selected.

“The (original) trolley alignment has been moved 360 further south,” Krupp said, “which means its elevated tracks will be 120 feet from windows in half a dozen of our buildings with trains running 20 hours a day.”

Jim Linthicum, SANDAG director of mobility, said nothing’s been decided yet, adding that residents are welcome to plead their case about the wisest course for the trolley extension to take before the transportation agency’s board.

“We understand this is a mega-project going through the heart of many communities,” Linthicum said. “It’s a good project. We need transportation improvement. It’s been in the works for a long time, and our job now is to build the best project we can — and we need community input.”

The project and route, known as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), begins just north of the Old Town Transit Center and travels in existing railroad right-of-way alongside Interstate 5 to Gilman Drive, then crosses to the west side of I-5, just south of Nobel Drive, and continues on to the UCSD campus.

The trolley then crosses back over I-5 near Voigt Drive to the UCSD east campus and medical centers on the east side of I-5, transitions into the median of Genesee Avenue and continues down Genesee Avenue to the Westfield UTC transit center.

Nine trolley stations are proposed along the way — at Tecolote Road; Clairemont Drive; Balboa Avenue; Nobel Drive; VA Medical Center; Pepper Canyon, serving the UCSD west campus; Voigt Drive, serving the UCSD east campus; Executive Drive; and the Terminus Station at Westfield UTC transit center.

“It ain’t over ‘til it’s over,” said Krupp of the big issue having it done right, where the alignment makes sense and doesn’t destroy the quality of life for the folks in our area.”

The stakes are high, said Krupp, adding that he and other condo residents are taking “a much more aggressive role” in “putting on a full-court press, it’s their quality of life — the value of their property.”

Linthicum said the exact alignment of the trolley route crossing Interstate 5 has been a “moving target” dating all the way back to the 1990s, when the trolley extension was first proposed.

“Going back 15 years or more, the trolley alignment was further south, much closer to the condos,” he said. “But for operational, engineering and aesthetic reasons, we moved it further north.”

Linthicum acknowledged the route alignment decision is tough, with lots of competing interests involved.

“That’s why we’ve been working and talking with all sorts of folks out in the community,” he said, concluding, “It’s a balancing act.”
Alleged jewelry-store robber to stand trial

An Ocean Beach man has been ordered to stand trial on charges of robbery and premeditated attempted murder of the owner of a jewelry store in El Cajon who was repeatedly struck with the blunt end of a hatchet.

Travis Scott Kelley, 24, was also ordered to stand trial for attempted mayhem, three burglaries, assault, elder abuse, grand-theft firearm and fraudulent use of another person’s credit card. A trial date was set for May 27.

The victim, Carl Hamlin, 75, testified at last month’s preliminary hearing before El Cajon Superior Court Judge John Thompson about the Jan. 22 incident, which left him with a concussion and skull fracture.

Deputy District Attorney Gordon Davis said Hamlin had more than 200 stitches to close a head wound. The alleged getaway driver, Ali Armene Toombs, 21, of La Mesa, was ordered to stand trial for robbery, felony assault, burglary and fraudulent use of another person’s identification.

The store’s security camera footage was shown at the hearing. Davis said Kelley’s fingerprints were found on the inside door and that Hamlin’s blood was found on his person and on the passenger side of the getaway car.

Davis said Kelley faces a life term in prison if he is convicted of premeditated attempted murder.

Kelley was arrested Jan. 24 in Ocean Beach by the San Diego Regional Fugitive Task Force.

They have pleaded not guilty. Kelley and Toombs remain in jail on bail figures of $1 million and $300,000 respectively.

— Neal Putnam

Lifeguards initiate rescue after duo OB Pier jumps

San Diego lifeguards were notified early April 29 when a man and woman jumped from the Ocean Beach Pier. Lifeguards launched a boat and fire-rescue helicopter.

The man, identified as being in his 20s, was in the surf, holding on to a quarter-inch-thick line. A lifeguard jumped from the pier to rescue him, according to San Diego Fire-Rescue Department officials.

The man’s companion was not immediately spotted, and a search was initiated. She was spotted on the beach a few minutes later and said she had made it to shore on her own.

The victims were evaluated at the scene and taken to a hospital, according to officials.

— Dave Schwab

Texas man killed in gas station shooting

A Texas man was killed in a March 12 shooting at a gas station near Barstow.

On March 12, 2014, in Barstow, California, police responded to a report of a shooting at a gas station located at 1200 West Valley Boulevard. According to police, a man entered the gas station and confronted an employee with a gun. The employee was able to escape, but the man entered the store and confronted another employee. The man shot the employee, who died at a local hospital.

The shooter fled the scene and was later located and arrested. The shooting was considered an isolated incident with no connection to any larger criminal activity.

— San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department

A man operating a large industrial crane on Rosecrans Street near Kellogg Street was seriously injured when the crane on Rosecrans Street near Kellogg Street tipped over on May 5.

The man was rescued after crane on Rosecrans Street near Kellogg Street tipped over on May 5.

San Diego Fire-Rescue Department

Emergency crews spent more than an hour cutting through the crane to free the victim, who was subsequently airlifted to a hospital for treatment of major injuries.

Swanson said the crane apparently was pinned inside against an electrical wire box on the ground, according to San Diego Fire-Rescue Department spokesman Lee Swanson.

— San Diego Fire-Rescue Department

Loma Portal Elementary School will host its 2014 Home & Garden Tour and Craft Faire on Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Home & Garden Tour will feature eight homes in the Loma Portal neighborhood, offering views, charming architectural details, recent renovations, beautiful interior design, amazing spaces for entertaining and a variety of wonderful gardens — all unique to Loma Portal.

The craft fair will take place on the front lawn of Loma Portal Elementary throughout the tour. Vendors will offer a variety of one-of-a-kind items for sale. In addition, a drawing will be held for opportunities to win exciting prizes such as valuable gift certificates from community businesses.

Tickets to the event are $20 in advance or $25 the day of the event, and may be purchased online before the day of the event at www.sandi.net/-lomaportal.

Tickets are also available in the main office of Loma Portal Elementary School, located at 3341 Browning St.

For more information, call (619) 221-1683.

All proceeds from this event directly benefit Loma Portal Elementary’s school wide music program.

Fundraising event to aid wounded warriors

The fundraising EOD Warrior 5K and 1K Kids Run benefiting wounded warriors will be Monday, May 26 on Memorial Day from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at NTC Park at Liberty Station.

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OB gateway improvement plan tops agenda for OBDCD

An update on Phase 2 of the North Ocean Beach Gateway improvement project will be among items discussed at the next Ocean Beach Community Development Corporation (OBDCD) meeting Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center, 4726 Santa Monica St.

The gateway project has suffered from time — and cost — delays involved with problems associated with securing a contractor in the competitive bid process. Phase 2 of the project, at an estimated cost of $498,000, is for an ADA-accessible decorative walkway in pocket entryway Park at Sunset Cliffs and West Point Loma boulevards.

Mark Nassau, the city’s public works director, in a recent email said Sea Pac Engineering, an L.A.-based firm with San Diego experience on naval and Camp Pendleton projects, is being considered for the job.

The construction job is expected to take 45 working days to complete, sometime in late June, from the date of the contract award.

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Upward of 1,500 people are expected to participate in this second annual event, which supports the EOD Warrior Foundation.

The foundation provides financial assistance and support to active-duty and veteran wounded, injured or ill EOD warriors and their families, as well as maintaining the EOD memorial.

The race entry fee is $25 to $45 for adults, $10 for kids.

The race itself starts at 9 a.m. with registration. The course is very flat. The course record is 3:14, placed by event spokesman Wade Hilderbrand. “There will be a beer garden and a silent auction. It’s very family friendly.”

In the last six years, the EOD Warriors Foundation has provided assistance to more than 350 EOD families including grants and assistance to 53 families, 21 of which had newly combat-injured. For more information visit www.eodwarrior5k.org.

**Historical Society plans another OB Exposed!**

The Ocean Beach Historical Society presents another installment of OB EXPOSED!, featuring photographic impressions of Ocean Beach and Point Loma.

The culmination of the annual contest takes place May 16 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

The main event will feature KPRB’s “Wonderland” series documentarian Noah Tafolla.

OB EXPOSED! is a photo exhibit and contest open to all levels and ages. Old photos, new photos, color or black-and-white pictures are welcome, but they must have been taken in the Ocean Beach or Point Loma areas.

WINNING CATEGORIES

• Best in Show: best color, best black-and-white, best vintage (historic), best “special effect” category

• Best Child’s Under Age 16 & People’s Choice

• Professional Category: for exhibit only. Not judged.

• Professional: can display cards and/or brochures by their work. They may donate photos if they choose to.

SPECIFICATIONS

Submissions are due May 15 to OB Business Center, 4876 Santa Monica Ave., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Fill out the form and attach to the back of the photo. Include a $2 entry fee per photo.

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For more information, visit obhisto-ry.wordpress.com.

**USPS letter carriers to ‘Stamp Out Hunger’ May 10**

United Postal Service Office says its letter carriers care about the people in the communities they serve.

On Saturday, May 10, letter carriers do a lot more than deliver mail and packages. They will also pick up non-perishable food donations left at mailboxes as they visit every home in the nation.

It is a very simple and easy concept: the public is asked to leave nonperishable food in a sturdy bag by their mailbox on May 10.

The food will be collected and delivered to local charities that provide it to people who need it — right in the same community.

Hunger and malnutrition in America are more serious problems than most people realize. With high food prices and current economic conditions, more families than ever struggle to keep food on the table.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s annual study measuring food security in the United States, the number of Americans living in food-insecure homes is more than 50 million. Through hard work, dedication and compassion and the support of customers in the communities they serve, letter carriers collected over 74 million pounds of food last year and over 1 billion pounds during more than two decades.

They are “Building on a Billion” this year and counting on the public’s generosity once again to help feed the hungry.

Follow the USPS hunger-fighting campaign on twitter.com/USPS and #StampOutHunger.

For more information about the U.S. Postal Service, visit usps.com and usps.com/postalfacts.

**‘Rhapsody on the Point’ event to boost instrumental music program at PLHS**

Friends and neighbors will soon witness what is possible when parents, neighbors and school supporters choose to make instrumental music a priority at local campuses.

Such an example takes place May 16 at Humphreys Concerts by the Bay when Point Loma High School instrumental music students dabble in a “Rhapsody on the Point” concert of celebration that will feature Dr. Kelly Thomas of the University of Arizona on euphonium and former PLHS music director and current Point Loma Nazarene University professor John Daily.

The instrumental-music program flourishes because of the dedication of superbly talented students and staff and collaboration with Dana and Coreeta Middle Schools. And — after nearly six years in the making — the Dr. Dan Nelson Music Center is now open.

Having met the challenge, the program is faced with another happy challenge: a fast-growing program. “It’s a wonderful problem to have. But there are kids right now in band without an instrument to play,” said PLHS instrumental music director James Sepulveda.

“We can’t keep up with the skyrocketing enrollment and we need help from the community.”

In fact, the addition of 40 students this year stretched the marching band’s instrument to play,” said PLHS instrumental music program at PLHS.

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Adams said. “I believe it will take about six finishing sometime during 2016-17,” bid and awarded during fiscal year 2015. approved, the project would be put out to ment. The process for the pipeline project is an assess- next step in the environmental-review process for the La Playa waterfront from McCall Street to 838 Street, then up Rosecrans Street.

The Navy revealed at a public scoping meeting earlier this year that about 4.5 miles of the Miramar pipeline are in need of repair or relocation to address pipeline deficiencies and that there are needs to increase seismic safety and support the Navy’s present and future fueling mis- sions. To address erosion issues along the La Playa waterfront from McCall Street to Talbot Street, the Navy proposes to have the pipeline relocated within the Rose- crans Street right-of-way. Adams said the next step in the environmental-review process for the pipeline project is an assessment of its draft environmental assessment.

“That will occur sometime at the end of September or the beginning of October at the [United S.E.S.] Portuguese Hall,” he said, adding that if pipeline realignment is approved, the project would be put out to bid and awarded during fiscal year 2015. “You’re looking at a two-year timeline, finishing sometime during 2016-17,” Adams said. “I believe it will take about six months on Rosecrans.”

The Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) recently drafted a letter on behalf of the citizens advisory group that makes land-use recommendations to the city, outlining Point Loma’s concerns about proposed pipeline repair and realignment. Noting Rosecrans is “the major arteri- al that runs through the Point Loma com- munity,” PCPB members said the envi- ronmental assessment needs to address:

- The construction timeline, hours and days and how access along Rosecrans Street will be controlled to existing resi- dences and businesses during construc- tion.
- Traffic-control plans to avoid delays along Rosecrans during construction.
- Public access to the La Playa water- front and whether that pipeline section will be removed or left in place and what measures will be implemented to mini- mize public health and safety risks.
- Identity pipeline defect areas.
- Point Lomawatching Jim Gilhooly has been lobbying the PCPG, the Navy and the city for years, warning against the Navy’s “piecemealing” of the pipeline, construction on which he claims is “going to cause gridlock at Cañon and Rosecrans streets,” at Nimitz Boulevard, and Rosecrans all the way along Midway, right to Interstate 5. Gilhooly maintains that the Navy ought to buy the whole pipeline “in one shot,” so as not to interfere with other concurrent infrastructure projects going on in the area.

Adams said planned pipeline improve- ments will ultimately “ensure its ability to continue to perform its function safely and will reduce long-term maintenance costs. We’re confident that, working with the public and the rest of the stakeholders, that we’ll find a way to complete this pro- ject while minimizing the construction’s impact on the residents around the community,” he said.

Explore one of the remaining coastal wetlands and its plants and animals. A guided tour will be offered at the unique coastal habitat.

- San Diego River bike ride: Saturday, May 17, 10 to 11:30 a.m.; Hosted by the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition. Come enjoy a family bike ride. Meet at the bike park at Dog Beach. Bring your bike, appropriate attire, sunscreen, footware, drinking water and a helmet.
- Planting a succulent native plant garden: Saturday, May 17, 9 to 11 a.m.; Meet at 4444 Greene St. Join Friends of the Point Loma Native Plant Garden and RECON Native Plants in a work- shop on native plants and succulents, and help install a demonstration area at the garden. Bring work clothes, sun- screen and a reusable water bottle.

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alcohol ban, insisting government is best which governs least. "We’re headed down a scary road. $17 trillion in debt with deficit spend- ing and (political) cronyism," said Schwartz. "I’m just a freedom fighter who wants to give people options."

Schwartz said he is a big advocate of privatization, which he defined as “removing the bureaucracy from all city services. The goal is to bring in more compe- tition, have more clarity, lower the tax burden, make things more efficient,” he said.

Morrison said he’d like to explore swapping Lindbergh Field for Miramar, Marine Corps Air Station because he’d like to see San Diego become an inter- national air destination site, like Los Ange- les, as well as a hub of economics on the Pacific Rim. Instead of being a spoke of Los Angeles, we ought to have our own international airport,” he said, adding there needs to be a better job of market- ing done to “attract companies to San Diego. We don’t have that business struc- ture in place,” he said. Morrison said the city ought to have a “century plan for the next 100 years,” rather than “taking things piecemeal or five or 10 years at a time. “We need to have a visionary plan,” he said. He said he’s also concerned about homelessness, medical marijuana, qual- ity of life and infrastructure problems with wastewater pipes and storm drains.

Schwartz said public legislators should decline all office perks. “I reject pensions, 401(k)s, car credits, junkets,” he said, while offering a promise. “If I’m elected, I’ll take 50 percent less than my pay,” he said. “City servants are making far too much money.”

Other novel ideas offered by Schwartz included setting up a whistleblower hot- line to allow people to report government abuses of any kind.

Schwartz said lowering the tax burden is a high priority for him. “We’re triple taxed on our water by the city county and state,” he said. “Our room (occupancy tax) bed taxes are one of the highest in the nation for people coming here to vacation, I would relieve the taxpayers’ burden and get the city working harder and more efficiently.”
on our schedule, along with canine Howl-a-ween, said Ocean Beach Kiwanian John F. McCarthy, who added the kite festival has become a club and community “tradition” for what is now going on seven decades.

“It’s just our way of giving back,” said McCarthy. “It’s very well attended. Last year, we made close to 1,000 kites and had between 50 and 70 local artisans, as well as live music by the band Deerfoot. It’s a lot of fun.”

This year, the kite festival was moved from the Ocean Beach Recreation Center and Ocean Beach Elementary School to new digs at Dusty Rhodes Park to give it some breathing room and allow it to expand.

Last year, for the first time, professional kite fliers were introduced, delighting the crowds by giving younger aviators one-on-one instruction. They’ll return again this year.

Glen Rothstein, regional director of the American Kiteflyers Association, said his group is happy to help with the annual OB Kiwanian Kite Festival. “There will be people from our group down there with handmade and custom kites. Some of them do this as a business and, for some, it’s a side business,” said Rothstein. “We’re going to be doing professional kite demonstrations, maneuvering kites in the sky, doing kite ballets and flying kites to music, similar to figure-skating competitions where entrants are judged on their technical ability and timing.”

Rothstein said there will also be kite contests for kids. “We’ll have kite-tail chases for kids with someone flying a maneuverable kite and kids running after it and grabbing its tail to win a prize,” he said.

He added there’s also a kite piñata, a big kite with a bag releasing candy for kids while aloft.

The Kiwanian Club of Ocean Beach started the festival in 1948 to give children the opportunity to design, build and decorate their own kites. Every year, “alumni” return who were participants in the first very first of these kite festivals.

“Now we get to see those alumni come back with their children, their children’s children and even their children’s children’s children,” said McCarthy. “I think that makes it a truly awesome event.”

For more information about the festival, call (619) 225-8705 or (619) 890-9397. For more information about kite flying in general, email glen.e.rothstein@gmail.com.

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**KITES**

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Grammy Award-winning pianist George Winston is one of the most recognized solo pianists in the world.

He will bring his captivating live show to The Gril Performance Hall at Point Loma Nazarene University on Saturday, May 17 at 8 p.m.

General seating is $35 and premium seating is $50. This show is open to guests of all ages.

The proceeds from this event will benefit Bodhi Tree Concerts. Bodhi Tree presents music events and the proceeds from this event will benefit Bodhi Tree Concerts. Bodhi Tree concerts are a nonprofit organization and will continue to do so by working with a local food bank in every tour market to hold a canned food drive at the show and by donating 100 percent of its merchandise sales to the organization.

At this show he will work with Mama’s Kitchen. Mama’s Pantry, a service of Mama’s Kitchen, provides a nutritional shopping opportunity at no cost for men, women and children of San Diego County affected by HIV/AIDS. For more information, visit mamaskitchen.org.

For ticketing information, visit www.bodhitreeconcerts.org/#george-winston-in-concert/ch38, or call (917) 596-9159.


Winston’s latest release is 2012’s “Gulf Coast Blues & Impressions 2–A Louisiana Wetlands Benefit.” He currently has several recordings in the works and will be incorporating some new material on this spring 2014 tour.

For more information, visit www.georgewinston.com.

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PLHS track & field teams sprint to success

DeAndre Benson of Point Loma High clears the bar in the high jump during the recent Encadrdo Invitational, where he has record-ed a season-best 6 feet, 5 inches.

Photo by Scott Hopkins

A team win in the recent Mustang Relays highlighted the season for Point Loma High’s track team.

Of officially known as the Mustang Track & Field Relays, the annual event was hosted by Otay Ranch High School in Chula Vista.

Pointe boys and girls finished atop the standings in the Varsity Division, while each placed second in the Silver Division.

Ten schools entered the meet.

In boys’ track events, Matthew Duke won the 1,500-meter race (4:16.24).

Pointe girls swept their 1,500-meter event, with Taylor Dooman (5:19.12) taking first place. Faye Huber (5:26.79) and Allyah Harrison (5:32.68) followed in second and third.

The girls also took first in the 4x200 relay event. The team of Vivian Loewen, Portya Rush-Dunigan, Sharifa Quinland and K’arsh Johnson took just 1:15.71 to cover the distance.

Another first place went to the ladies in the 4x800 relay. Katriana Schwartz, Emma Smith, Tiernan DeBortoli and Alli Harrison narrowly won by a huge 39-second margin with a time of 10:25.22.

In the 4x100 shuttle hurdles, the Pointe girls had a near 8-second margin of victory with a time of 1:11.35. Team members were Allison Dietrick, Courtney Justus, Laurel Sherman and McKenna Sanders.

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PLNU Athletics Communications Dept.

Honea named NCCAA field athlete of meet; 8 earn All-American honors

Last season, Honea placed second in the heptathlon at the NCCAA championships. The junior from Point Loma High cleared the bar in the high jump during the recent Encadrdo Invitational, where he has recorded a season-best 6 feet, 5 inches.

For a career-high 2.66 ERA was tops on the squad.

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Eight women from the Point Loma Nazarene University track and field team were named to the NCCAA All-American honors after finishing fifth in the NCCAA championships.

The Sea Lions opened the four-game set with a pair of complete games from its freshmen starters. Kellen Sheppard opened the series by allowing just one run and six hits in an 8-1 Sea Lions win. Kevin Lilkrop then threw a complete game in the nightcap, allowing just two hits and one run while striking out six.

The only run he allowed was a solo shot in the ninth. He retired 14 straight basi-

ers at one point.

The Sea Lions then split a double- header with the Urban Knights (winning game one 11-6 and losing game two 3-2) to win the series three games to one.

The Sea Lions completed their 2014 season at 24-25. They placed sixth in the standings in the Varsity Division.

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Top three teams, (out of 10), by division:

Boys, Varsity Division

1. Point Loma 56.95 points

2. Serra 32.97

3. Hilltop 21.96

Boys, Silver Division

1. Morse 54.36 points

2. Point Loma 54

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The National Retail Federation says Americans spend more than $20 billion on Mother’s Day gifts and treats every year, adding that the outlook for 2014 (Sunday, May 11) is about the same. That figure is dwarfed, to say the least, by the $210 billion we fork over during the winter holidays. Still, the “billion” is the daunting part — lay mom’s bucks end to end, and they’d literally stretch about 40 times around the world, or to the moon and back.

And to the moon again.

That’s the problem. To hear the day’s founder tell it, 14 cents spent in mom’s honor is 14 cents too many. The late Anna Marie Jarvis pretty much pooped her own party in later life amid her disgust over the commercialization of the event.

“I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit,” she once lamented, calling the profiteers “termites” and dedicating the last 30 of her 84 years to sabotaging the honor she helped create. Indeed, she and her blind sister Elsinore spent the family inheritance on their failed campaign — billions of dollars later, Mother’s Day is the third most profitable day of the year, trailing only the winter holidays and Valentine’s Day in total haul.

It all started innocently enough in 1907, two years after the death of Jarvis’ mother (also named Anna). The younger woman, a native of Taylor County, W.Va., saw to it that her mom’s last wish — the establishment of a day to honor all the nation’s mothers, living and dead, as the givers of life and comfort — was first marked at a modest church service, during which she passed out a white carnation to each of the 500 mothers in attendance. On May 10, 1908, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Grafton, W.Va. held a service feting Grafton’s moms.

That year, influential Philadelphia businessman John Wanamaker joined Anna’s efforts in creating a national campaign. Soon after, a bill proposing the establishment of Mother’s Day made it as far as the U.S. Senate floor.

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OB Restaurant and Hospitality Week 2014 was a great success. The event kicked off early on Sunday at four participating lodging spots (Hebrew House Bed and Breakfast, the Inn at Sunset Cliffs, the OB Hotel and the Ocean Villa Inn). Each location gave tours of their rooms and properties, offered hosted appetizers that were donated by the twenty participating restaurants and four lucky winners won gift baskets valued at over $750! "The community really embraced the 2nd Annual event and were excited to see the hospitality locations participate. The Ocean Beach Hospitality Group was able to make a $950 donation to the OB Scholarship Fund with the money raised through this year’s raffle. We plan on growing the event every year," said Mike Zouroudis, Chair of the OB Restaurant & Hospitality Week.
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Peninsula schools breathing new life into choral music program

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

The disappearance of choral-music programs from Peninsula-area schools several years ago went unnoticed by many, but it did capture the attention of several passionate people.

And on May 14, the harmonious sounds of student voices will again come to life in the inaugural Point Loma Cluster Choral Concert being held in the spacious Ann Tripp Jackson Auditorium at Dana Middle School.

Newly revived choirs from Point Loma High School and Correia and Dana middle schools will perform songs individually and as one large group during the 6:30 p.m. event. All members of the community who appreciate choral music are invited to enjoy student voices and participate in a fundraising raffle and bake sale.

The singing celebration is largely the work of Kerri De Rosier, a past band booster president at Point Loma High. After her daughter graduated in June, De Rosier struck a deal with the school’s flourishing instrumental music program director, James Sepulveda. She said she would return if given permission to start a choir.

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“We routinely trounced us in festivals and competitions,” she said. “They were the best in the city.”

De Rosier’s first call was to close friend and fellow singer Pamila Whitney. Whitney agreed to teach the PLHS group, and word was spread on the Pointer campus last fall about the possible formation of an after-school singing program.

The new group gave itself the name Vocal Point and debuted to rave reviews and enthusiastic support from instrumental musicians at a winter concert on the Point Loma Nazarene University campus.

Word of vocal music’s demise had also spread to Pointer alumni. Three of them undertook a massive project last summer.

The former members of the elite Madrigals show choir set out to organize PLHS’ vocal sheet music collection, which was, put simply, a mess.

When they were finished, 31 large file cabinets were filled with sheet music for more than 1,000 songs, filed on a database by genre, title, number of pages and copies available. The song file cabinet number and drawer are also included.

The Reosin shared the trio’s efforts in a recent publication. Google “Trio’s love of music may orchestrate rebirth of singing program at PLHS.”

At Correia Middle School, teacher Ina Soliz began her choir program in February and leads a group numbering 25 singers in grades 7 and 8.

“The students are enthusiastic,” Soliz said after an energetic after-school rehearsal this month.

Soliz came to Correia from the Creative Performing Media Arts School in Clairemont, where she was the first choir director in 2005.

While Dana will be an elective funded for the 2014-15 school year for elective status at PLHS.

To assist programs in any Point Loma secondary school, visit www.correia-music.com/choir.html.

EXTRA NOTES
• When performing, every choir member must, by copyright law, have an original copy of the sheet music, usually-priced at $2-$3 per copy.
• Choral teachers now use computers to play accompanying music during rehearsals. Soliz used her class-room piano sparingly while leading the Correia group.
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PLHS remains an after-school club, while Dana will be an elective funded through grants and fundraising.

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serve all ages, but the biggest population is in the elementary-school age.”

Students at the school learn more than just how to play an instrument. They also get to play choice gigs.

“All of our summer camps do a performance at the end of each week,” she said. “But our students have also performed at the House of Blues and at the Point Loma Summer Concert Series, as well as being a regular part of the monthly Friday Night Liberty arts event held at NTC Liberty Station. We like to keep the kids busy.”

Moody said she is thrilled with what the school has been able to accomplish in its first five years.

“I teach for the light-bulb moments,” she said. “And by that, I mean I had students in the past who just sit there in class the entire school year. I mean, it takes months to teach them which end of the clarinet to blow in. But I love it when they persevere and keep at it. You can just see the light bulb click above their head. And all the hard work comes together.”

• RECREATIONAL MUSIC CENTER: 590 Truxtun Rd, Studio Room 200 (NTC Liberty Station), www.rmcandsd.org.

Vocal Point, Point Loma High School’s new choir group, made its debut at the school’s Winter Concert held in December at Point Loma Nazarene University. Members are, from left, Anais Settolo, Mia Martinez, Margo McClane, Heather Ruiz, Angelica Valenton, Alex Cook, Katherine Shaw, Andreas McColley, Austyn Meyers and Meghan McKenzie. Hidden is Julie Porter as Pamila Whitney conducts.

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Nike Golf Schools & Junior Camps 2014

Nike Golf Schools and Jr. Camps offer a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of each camper. Every facet of the game is covered during morning instruction and afternoon course play. Beginning, intermediate, high school and advanced players can immerse themselves in the sport for an entire week. Our camps are led by directors who are nationally recognized PGA/LPGA professionals and college coaches and are joined on staff by other teaching professionals, college assistant coaches, renowned high school coaches and former/current college players. Enroll in a Nike Jr. Golf Camp today and see why over 150,000 junior golfers have participated in what we believe are among the best junior programs in the country.

San Diego Humane Society and SPCA

Animal loving kids will enjoy the dog days of summer spending quality, hands-on time learning about and communicating with lovable furry friends at the San Diego Humane Society’s 2014 Animal Adventure Camp. Kids ages 5 to 13 will interact with dogs, exercise bunnies and guinea pigs, socialize kittens, enjoy animal-related games and crafts, get behind the scenes tours, and much more! Each year, hundreds of kids join us for Animal Adventure Camp experiencing how rewarding the human-animal bond can be. Throughout the week-long program, children will be introduced to the proper care and understanding of the animals around us, which helps them to develop respect and a positive attitude toward all living beings. Weekly sessions are available June through August in San Diego and Oceanside. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. To register or receive more information, call (619) 279-5939 or sdhumane.org.

A Time to Discover

The LA JOLLA YMCA is offering Summer Day Camp to give kids and teens in La Jolla, Pacific Beach, and University City an adventurous, active and healthy summer. YMCA camp programs offer youth fun and unique experiences with an opportunity to explore the outdoors, meet new friends, discover new interests and create memories that last a lifetime.

“YMCA summer camp supports the social-emotional, cognitive development and physical well-being of kids,” says Brian Sense, Associate Executive Director of Youth Programs, La Jolla YMCA. “In our Day Camp, kids are in a welcoming environment where they can belong, build relationships, develop character and achieve – discovering their potential.”

To ensure that all youth have the chance to experience camp, the LA JOLLA YMCA offers financial assistance to those in need. Contact our website at www.lajolla.ymca.org for more information about our Summer Camp Programs.

The Gillispie School Offers Summer Classes

Have your student spend the summer at one of La Jolla’s best independent schools! The Gillispie School in downtown La Jolla opens its unique one and two-week-long summer classes to students from all elementary schools, aiming to engage kids in purposeful...
learning and warm-weather fun all summer long. Some of this year’s exciting offerings include fencing, digital photography, soccer, and doll crafting, as well as academic-focused classes like Math Camp and Jr. Engineering. Classes are offered in the mornings or afternoons, and each day offers an optional afternoon swimming session at the Coggan Aquatic Center.

To welcome new families to the School’s summer program, Gillispie is offering a 10 percent discount on their student’s first summer class! Class prices range from $130-225. For more information, visit www.gillispie.org/summersession, or call to register at (858) 479-3773. The Gillispie School is located in the heart of La Jolla Village at 7380 Girard Avenue.

Sports Conditioning Camp

Calling all high school and middle school athletes! Don’t let your summer go to waste. Instead prepare for your sport with Futures Fitness presented by High Performance Movement! Led by former NCAA Division 1 coach and athletes, Futures Fitness group workouts are focused on improving your foundational athletic skills: speed, agility, power and flexibility. Join us this summer and prepare for the best season of your career!

Sign up for 5 sessions, 10 sessions or sign up for the entire summer to receive 30 sessions, including a bonus one-on-one private training session! And for a limited time, receive $20 off the full summer package when using code: SDNEWS. Hurry, expires May 15th!

Date: Monday – Friday, June 23 – August 1
Time: 8 AM – 10 AM daily
Location: De Anza Cove, Mission Bay
Ages: Entering 7th grade – 12th grade
Register at: www.hpmovement.com
Contact: Pete Hess, pete@hpmovement.com

Nike Tennis Camps at University of San Diego

Come join the fun and get better this summer at the Nike Tennis Camps at University of San Diego. Directors Bill and Shelly Scott, and USD Head Women’s Tennis Coach, Sherri Stephens, along with their experienced staff, have another amazing summer lineup up with fun both on and off the court! With five weeks of junior overnight and day camps for boys & girls ages 9-18 of all ability levels, and a special High School program during the last week, there is a camp option for everyone!

Highlights include: 5-6 hours of daily on-court instruction, a Nike Tennis Camps t-shirt, Dartfish video analysis for all campers, and fun evening activities for overnight campers. Camps run throughout June and July. registration is currently open. See you on the courts this summer!

Nike Tennis Camps at University of San Diego 1-800-645-3226 or go on-line at www.USSportsCamps.com/tennis

Wilderness Escape Vacation Bible School Program

Christ Lutheran Church in Pacific Beach, 4761 Casa Street, is hosting Wilderness Escape Vacation Bible School July 21-25, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for children age 3 to grade 4. The program will feature music, Bible stories, craft time, snack time and more fun! The week will end with a closing program at noon and a BBQ for the whole family on Friday, July 27th. For information and registration forms, please go to www.christlb.org or call the church office at 858-483-2300.

Kids experience performing arts at Junior theatre Camp

Join Junior Theater this summer and experience the wonderful world of Performing Arts during this unique opportunity. From aspects of the college search/application process, help them maximize their outcomes, and significantly reduce stress for both students and families.

Highlights include a personalized list of suggested colleges based on interests and academic stats plus all materials required for the Common Application, including the short answer writing sections and a completed, fully edited essay suitable for both the Common App and a UC prompt.

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Real Estate Runs In Cairncross’ Bloodline, Who Recently Won A RE/MAX Award For Ranking #1 in San Diego

Who better should you turn to for Real Estate needs in San Diego than Native-Born San Diergan, Steve Cairncross. It was only natural progression for Cairncross to get involved in Real Estate. As Cairncross depicts his history, “My father began Cairncross Realty in the 1970’s in Mission Beach. The Brokerage managed vacation rentals and sold real estate.” As Cairncross puts it, “I got the ‘bug’ from my parents; they helped many people achieve their dreams of Home Ownership, and I wanted to be part of it. Buying and selling a home is one of the biggest financial decisions of a person’s life, and I wanted to assist people through this absolutely gratify-ing process.”

While attending college, Cairncross worked full-time, running the family business. Cairncross was as lucky in love as he was, and still is, in business, and in 1997, he wed his beloved wife, Lori, and had two beautiful children: Caitlin, 24, and Pat, 22. Then, in 2000, Cairncross made one of the hardest decisions in his life, to launch the family brokerage, Cairncross states, “My decision was to better service my Clients by solely focusing on selling real estate instead of running a Brokerage. I looked for a company that was nationally recognized and had great local presence. ‘Re/Max Coastal Properties,’ headed by President/Broker, Greg Flaherty, and Vice President, Sharne Flaherty, had everything that I was looking for. It is a ‘Country Club Brokerage, if you will. They do not let just anyone join. Here, some of the elite Agents in San Diego, the Experts in the real estate field, affiliate. ‘Of course, Cairncross is a Realtor on the forefront, providing the best real model an office can possibly have.’ states Flaherty. ‘Re/MAX Coastal possesses a remarkably synergistic environment, with a lot of camaraderie, where the Agents compliment one another’s strengths and talents. It was a sensational business decision for Cairncross.”

In 2004, oddly enough, through a Craigslist add, Cairncross met up with his highly talented, licensed Assistant, Lisa Perich, who has been a major support and backbone of Cairncross’ business for over 10 years. Lisa has been a perfect fit for Cairncross’ business. She is super organized and punctual, and does not leave anything untold. Cairncross proudly continues, “My daughter, Caitlin, has joined our team. I feel so lucky to be able to spend quality time mentoring my daughter to evolve in the real estate industry. My hope is that eventually my son, Patrick, who is working for the Corcoran Group in NYC, will join the team, too.” Sharne Flaherty elaborates, “The remarkable components that set this team apart from the rest is that Cairncross conducts his business with the utmost integrity—super high morals and ethics—always take the high road, be loyal to those you conduct business with it’s motto, and this magical bond of trust is born within all his relationships.”

Cairncross is community-spirited and has been a Member of the San Diego Rotary Club since 1991, giving major support to the organization. Greg Flaherty boasts, “Whatever Steve Cairncross is doing, he is doing it right. And this is an understatement; Cairncross ranked #1 with Re/MAX in San Diego, and #3 with Re/MAX in all of California & Hawaii, and he ranked #6 in all of the nation! This March, at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, Cairncross was honored with a most outstanding and distinguishable Award for his grand accomplishments.”

Cairncross embellishes upon the firm Re/MAX Coastal Properties, “Re/MAX allows me to have my own, customized and unique business under the larger umbrella of the brand-name, Re/Max, which is renowned across the nation. Re/Max and my team provide, and have accessible, to Clients the hottest, most current, top-notch marketing tools, nationwide ad campaigns, the most updated research data, software, and data-bases to furnish our Clients the cutting edge on buying or selling a home in this competitive real estate market to stand out and be a cut-above everyone else out there.”

Cairncross continues, “Bottom line: I love what I do. My team loves what they do. We love waking up each day and assisting Clients in this dynamic real estate market, with the ups and the downs, we make people happy and they keep coming back and send-ing me referrals. My team is exceptionally passionate and proud of what we do for our Clients…this is the magic to our success.”
Annual fundraiser to benefit county’s foster children

The Point Loma-based Makua organization, a fundraising auxiliary of Voices for Children, will hold its 61st annual fundraiser on Sunday, May 18 at the Marine Room in La Jolla.

A throwback to Hollywood’s era of classic films, Makua’s “Vintage Hollywood” event will benefit the only agency designated by the juvenile court to provide court-appointed special advocates (CASAs) to San Diego County’s foster youth. The event is expected to sell out.

Co-chaired by Sherri Worthen, Clarissa Flamenco and Sheri Liebert, “Vintage Hollywood” will begin with a walk down the red carpet, on which guests will be photographed with tribute artists to Marilyn Monroe and Frank Sinatra.

In the silent and live auctions, guests will have the opportunity to bid on exciting and unique experiences, including a two-week exclusive Sea of Okhotsk expedition on the luxury yacht The World, the only private, residential community at sea that allows residents to travel the globe without ever leaving home.

The evening will culminate with dancing to the classic Rat Pack-style of the Richard James Quartet. Makua members said they will continue the long tradition of putting the “FUN into FUNdraiser.”

Guests are encouraged to wear Hollywood-themed costumes.

The event is set to take place from 4 to 9 pm, at the Marine Room, located at 2000 Spindrift Drive. Tickets are $150-$200 (VIP) and include dinner by the Marine Room’s award-winning executive chef, Bernard Guillas, along with silent and live auctions, dancing, and live music.

For tickets and information, visit www.makua.org and click on the “events” link.

Founded in 1980, Voices for Children transforms the lives of abused, neglected and abandoned children in San Diego County by providing them with volunteer advocates to ensure the children’s needs are met.

To date, Makua has raised more than $1.5 million in support of VFC. Makua members enjoy the camaraderie of friends getting together for a good cause.

For information about joining Makua, contact the membership director at membership@makua.org.
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Peninsula-area events, May 10-June 12

SATURDAY, May 10
The Ocean Beach Woman’s Club will feature a community garden for a hands-on workshop to assist in the installation of its new 300-gallon rain-water tank. For $35, visitors will learn how to design, install, calculate and apply to the city of San Diego for rebates for a rain tank. The instructor will be Candace Venderhoff, architect and owner of Rain Thanks & Greywater. The event runs from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information about the event, call (619) 807-9193. For information about the OB Woman’s Club, visit www.obwomansclub.org.

FRIDAY, May 16
An after-hours fashion show will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Point Loma American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, located at 3609 Midway Drive. Featured and available for purchase will be all-occasion dresses, jewelry and hats. A $10 suggested donation at the door gets visitors 10 percent off purchases for the event and for the next 30 days. All proceeds go to cancer research and education. Donations and volunteers are always welcome. For more information, call (619) 222-4136.

SATURDAY, May 17
The Volunteers in Politics organization will host a meet/greet/hear event to spotlight various political candidates. Featured will be hopefuls Kirk Jorgensen (U.S. House of Representatives race); Ken Goslin (judge, San Diego Superior Court); Barbara Decker, (state Assembly, Dist. 78); Donna Woodrum (SD Community College Board of Trustees, District A); Robert Reeves (county district attorney); and Paul Ware (judge, San Diego Superior Court). The event takes place at the Point Loma Assembly Hall, 3035 Talbot St.

SUNDAY, May 18
Step up with family, friends and community members for the fourth annual San Diego Kidney Walk at NTC Liberty Park, presented by the National Kidney Foundation, Southern California region. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the noncompetitive 3-mile and 1-mile walks begin at 9:30 a.m. Teams and individual walkers of all ages are invited to take a lifesaving step and help raise funds to support programs that help in the fight against kidney disease through prevention, advocacy and education. To register or to get more information, visit www.kidneywalk.org, or call (800) 747-5527.

TUESDAY, May 20
Join Correia Middle School for the Spring Band and the last performance of the year as students perform a concert celebrating their successes and inspiring the coming of summer. The 6:30 p.m. performance will be given by beginning band, intermediate band, advanced band, jazz ensemble, flute choir and orchestra. All proceeds benefit the Correia instrumental music programs. For more information, call (619) 222-0476, or visit corrieamus.com.

WEDNESDAY, May 21
• The Point Loma Republican Women Federated will host its monthly luncheon meeting at 10 a.m. at Point Loma Café, located at 4865 Harbor Drive. The speaker will be Capt. Joseph R. John, USN (Ret.), exposing in exacting detail the truth about the embassy attack in Benghazi. A no-host lunch follows, and guests are welcome. For more information, call Marilyn at (619) 222-9532.

• The Point Loma Singers will perform a free concert at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library at 6:30 p.m. The library is located at 3701 Voltaire St. For more information, call (619) 531-1539.

• The Sharp Health Senior Resource Center will host a free presentation titled “Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters.” Holly Pobst, community education manager of the Alzheimer’s Association, will present the seminar. Learn about the difference between normal aging and Alzheimer’s disease and the benefits of early detection, as well as tips to follow up on any concerns you may have about yourself or someone you care about. The presentation will take place from noon to 1 p.m. at the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church, located at 2128 Chatsworth Blvd. Registration required. Call (800) 827-4277 or register online at www.sharp.com.

SUNDAY, June 1
All Souls Episcopal Church will host an Empty Bowls event. Handmade pottery bowls donated by local artists will be available for sale between services from 9:15 a.m. until noon. There will also be a continental breakfast for the guests. The money raised will be donated to TACO, (Third Avenue Charitable Organization www.tacoo.org) toward their efforts to feed the homeless, low-income elderly and working poor in downtown San Diego. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/EmptyBowlsSanDiego.