Council OKs rules for city’s medical pot dispensaries

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

San Diego City Council voted 8-1 on Feb. 25 to enact zoning regulations that would allow medical marijuana dispensaries to operate. But councilmembers also restricted dispensaries to mostly outlying industrial areas no closer than 1,000 feet from residences and 1,000 feet from each other, schools, churches or daycare centers.

Perhaps most notably, the vote also capped the number of dispensaries allowed to set up shop and operate in any one of the nine City Council districts to a maximum of four — a total of 30 citywide.

Several of the council districts, like interim Mayor Todd Gloria’s District 3, have no existing zonings that would meet the new requirements for dispensaries to operate.

Other communities, however, like Kearny Mesa and Otay Mesa, contain numerous parcels where dispensaries could be located.

District 5 City Councilman Mark Kersey, who cast the dissenting vote, said he could not vote for the ordinance because his constituents opposed it and because federal law continues to forbid possession and sale of marijuana, despite what Californias voters approved a few years ago.

The City Council action amends the land-development code and the local coastal program to add medical marijuana consumer cooperatives as a new, separately regulated land use.

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Retooled airport layout set to ease grief for harried travelers

By TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

In less than two years, the Laurel Street-to-Harbor Drive route to get to your flight will be a thing of the past for a large number of air travelers.

Many people who park at the airport will also get to use the Sassafras Street-to-Harbor Drive route to get to your car rentals — that’s about 1 in 7 air travelers — and one of city’s medical pot dispensaries.

People who need to return their rental cars — that’s about 3 in 7 air travelers — will head for the corner of Pacific Highway and Sassafras Street and turn west. Once on airport property, they’ll drop off their cars at a $316 million, four-story, 2 million-square-foot facility that will house 16 rental car companies.

Those rare travelers not in a rush can enjoy the lush landscaping and public art or have dinner at a fine-dining restaurant within the building.

They’ll be whisked away — or arrive, if their plane has just touched down — on a shuttle that uses a route that stays inside airport property and avoids using Harbor Drive for more than half the journey. It will be a consolidated shuttle for all rental car companies, reducing the number of buses by 75 percent.

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OB planners prepare to host candidate forum ahead of March 11 board election

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It's being billed as a candidate forum, but an “open audition” or even “cattle call” might be equally apt description of the event to be held at next month’s regular meeting of the Ocean Beach Planning Board (OBPB). Of the seven races for two-year terms, only one candidate — incumbent Peter Ruscitti, who is giving up his District 6 seat to run in District 3 — has qualified to appear on the March 11 ballot. That means many of the remaining positions are bound to be filled by board appointment after the election, and citizens can use the forum to campaign for those post-election appointments in person. The forum will take place March 5 at 6 p.m. at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center, 4724 Santa Monica Ave. The election will be held March 11 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the same location. Identification and proof of residence is required. Appointments to fill vacancies after the election could take place as soon as the April 2 meeting.

To be eligible to serve on the board, citizens must be at least 18 and live, own property or run a business in the Ocean Beach planning area. The area is divided up into seven districts; candidates must gather 35 signatures in the district in which they run. (To see the boundaries of the planning area and the even districts, visit oceanbeachplanning.org.) The OBPP is one of 40-plus community-based groups that have been sanctioned by the city to vet development projects and make recommendations on land-use and quality-of-life issues. Recently, the board approved the Ocean Beach Community Plan, a document intended to guide growth over the next 20 years. Though only one candidate submitted an application packet for the Feb. 5 deadline, there’s still time for write-in candidates to qualify. Write-ins can turn in applications at the forum or make arrangements to submit to a member of the board’s Election Committee by March 10. Hopefuls who skip the election and seek board appointment don’t have to satisfy a requirement that disqualified some: anyone running on March 11 must have attended at least one board meeting between February 2013 and January 2014. That fact could encourage more candidates to participate in the forum and ask for post-election appointment. At least two citizens at the February OBPP meeting mistakenly thought they had satisfied the attendance requirement by appearing at the meeting. One — former District 4 representative Seth Connolly — had already collected signatures. Raean Hartigan, who chaired the Elections Committee, said next year’s effort will begin earlier to underscore the attendance requirement. It’s unclear why so many incumbents failed to qualify for the ballot. However, incumbents John Ambert (District 1), Barbara Schmidtke (District 2), Andrew Wilson (District 3), and Gesine Quann (District 7) may still run as write-ins. Giovanni Ingolia (District 5) is termed out and the District 4 position is vacant. "I’m not sure why some of the incumbents didn’t get their applications in," Hartigan said in an email. "I don’t want to email them to ask or remind them because it could be viewed as giving OBPP incumbents special consideration that the public doesn’t have."

OBPP members have appeared at recent Wednesday Farmers Markets to raise awareness of the forum and election. “[It’s been] a great way to educate people on what the OB Planning Board does and let them know about the elections,” said Hartigan. “It’s also been great to hear what OBceans want for our community in a less formal setting than the board meetings,” he said. Election information is available at oceanbeachplanning.org/archives/1050. A city-prepared handbook for all planning board members may be viewed at sandiego.gov/planning/community/comm.shtml.
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A month along Pacific Highway. Eventually, the shuttle that takes these travelers to their flights will use the on-property terminal road that should be ready in time for the grand opening of the rental-car center in early 2016.

“This will be the first time this airport has two entrances,” said Kristi Wilches, airport planning director for the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, at a town hall meeting to present concepts of the North Side Development Feb. 11 at the McMillian Companies Event Center.

Following the successful completion last August of the airport’s $1 billion Green Build overhaul project, he said the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority is now full-speed-ahead in developing the property to the north, much of which was acquired after the long-ago departure of General Dynamics.

The overall concept in developing the north side is to achieve a “campus feel,” Wilches said.

“The north side has been an eyesore for a long time,” Wilches said. “Our CEO wants this to be a very beautiful area.”

The north-side development reached its first milestone in November 2012 with the opening of a new 23,000-square-foot receiving and distribution center for food, beverage and retail items.

Construction of this back-of-the-house facility may have gone unnoticed, but that won’t be the case with the rental-car center, which Wilches called the “centerpiece” of the project. Any day now, the first of four tower cranes will be deployed, he said.

“This is going to be the first time the community says, ‘Oh my gosh, there’s something going on,’” he said.

To make it more visibly appealing from surrounding neighborhoods, the project includes $2.5 million in landscaping and improvements along Pacific Highway.

Some sections between Washington and Palm streets will see new curbs, sidewalks and bioswales for stormwater treatment.

“We like our terminals, people who live north of the airport are going to see this every single day. It should look very beautiful when we’re done,” Wilches said.

Another major component of the project is the $17.5 million fixed-base operator facility for private jets. It will be one of the first such facilities to attain the platinum level in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. Landmark Aviation, the operator, is financing the construction, scheduled to be complete in May. Wilches said.

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Gloria said the new medical marijuana ordinance “is a balance providing a framework protecting neighborhoods while giving safe, access to those patients that deserve it.”

District 4 City Councilwoman Myrtle Cole said she supported the establishment of zoning that ensures dispensaries will be enforceable, adding she expected a “zero-tolerance policy” for ordinance violators.

The mission of the San Diego Audubon Society is to foster the protection and appreciation of birds, other wildlife and their habitats through education and study, and advocates for a cleaner, healthier environment.

Originally founded in 1948, SDA has served the region for more than 60 years. Its accomplishments include the establishment of two wildlife sanctuaries, which it owns and operates. This fiscal year, SDA will host 25 habitat maintenance/restoration volunteer events, engaging several hundred volunteers in restoration efforts, and generate more than 3,000 hours of volunteer labor toward improving habitat for wildlife in San Diego County.

For more information, visit www.sandiegoaudubon.org.
Nearly all PLHS winter-sports teams advance to playoffs

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

With one exception, every winter sports team at Point Loma High qualified for CIF playoffs, which began last week.

**Boys’ Basketball**
The boys’ soccer team was seeded No. 10 in Div. 1 after finishing 9-7-5 overall (4-2-2 and second place in the Western League). The Pointers were forced to travel 1.2 miles to Calexico earlier this week for a match against the No. 7 seed Bulldogs, who finished their season at 11-7-4. Quarterfinals are March 1 with semifinals on March 5. Finals are set for March 8 at 7 p.m. at Mesa College. Elliott Savitch coaches the team.

**Girls’ Soccer**
The Lady Pointers soccer team compiled a 9-9-3 overall record (4-2-2 and third place in the City League). They received a No. 11 seed in Div. 1 play and traveled to San Marcos to face the No. 6 seeded Knights (10-4-4) earlier this week. The Pointers kick off Feb. 28 with semifinals on March 4 and finals on March 8 at 4:30 p.m. at Mesa College. John Murphy is the team’s head coach.

**Girls’ Water Polo**
Playoffs as girls’ water polo began early, and the Lady Pointers (9-22 overall—1-8 and fifth place in the Eastern League) suffered a first-round loss. As Div. II’s final seed, the No. 12 Lady Pointers traveled to meet No. 5 seed Steele Canyon, which eliminated them 12-1. Gerry Rich coaches the ladies.

**Boys’ Basketball**
Missing the playoffs was the boys’ basketball team. Last year’s squad finished 18-8 overall, winning the Central League with a perfect 10-0 mark. This year, coach Chris Britco’s team posted a record of 10-15 overall (6-6 and third place in Central League), falling short of a spot in the Div. II playoffs. Teams like Granite Hills (7-19), Rancho Bernardo (8-18) and Mt. Carmel (8-20) did, however, receive bids.

** extras**
• A new sports debut as the spring athletic season gets under way: girls’ beach volleyball. Girls’ varsity volleyball coach Dan Ransom will head the program in its inaugural season. The Lady Pointers’ home court will be on Ocean Beach sand near lifeguard Tower 5 and Dog Beach.
• Spring is the busiest season for winter sports. The boys will be battling opponents in badminton, baseball, golf, swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball and lacrosse. Both the tennis and volleyball teams will be defending 2013 league championships.
• Girls’ sports include badminton, softball, swimming, track and field and lacrosse, in addition to the new beach volleyball team.

**College Roundup**

**PLNU Women’s Basketball Continues Winning Streak**

PLNU Athletics Communications Dept.

Erskine extends the Sea Lions’ Player of the Week streak to four

Savannah Erskine has been selected as the Pacific West Conference Defensive Player of the Week to extend the Sea Lions’ streak of four straight.

Erskine guided Point Loma to three home wins last week, extending its winning streak to five games, averaging 8.0 assists and 4.3 steals per game. She recorded 10 assists and three steals against Hawaii Pacific, and seven assists and six steals against BYU Hawaii. She helped PLNU hold its three opponents to just 56.3 points per game. Erskine was named the Pacific West Conference Defensive Player of the Week for the week of Feb. 10-16. Lessau was an offensive force, averaging 2.3 points per game on 62.2 percent shooting (23-37) from the field and 64.2 percent shooting (9-13) from three-point range on the week. He also chipped in 3.3 assists and 2.3 steals per game.

Lessau is currently ranked fifth in the PacWest in scoring (17.5), fourth in steals (3.7) and ninth in assists (3.8). He is also ranked in the top 10 in the conference in field goals (third) and minutes played (10th). This is the second PacWest Player of the Week award for Lessau this season.

Soccers, cross country teams earn NCAA honors

The Point Loma women’s cross country team and the women’s soccer team each earned National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Scholar Team honors in the fall.

Both teams posted grade-point averages of over 3.4. The PLNU women’s soccer team paced all PLNU squads in the fall with a 3.5 GPA. The women’s cross country team was right behind them with a 3.45 GPA. The NCCAA honors just 15 teams with scholar honors in the fall and the Sea Lions had two of them.

This is the second straight year the PLNU women’s soccer and women’s country teams have earned NCCAA Scholar Team honors.

**PacWest Tournament tickets are on sale now**

Tickets for the 2014 PacWest Basketball Tournament in San Diego are on sale. Order tickets at a discounted rate for all the exciting basketball action in Point Loma’s Goldens Gymnasium from March 6-8.

Fans can pre-order tickets for each day of the tournament or an all-tournament pass that provides access to every game. Choose the games, print your tickets and go.

Single-day general admission tickets are $10 and grant access to all games on that particular day. Both men’s and women’s All-Tournament passes are $25 and only available through the pre-sale site.

Pre-sale tickets are available until March 5. For a full listing of event ticket and game time, visit pacwestsports.org/general/2014-Basketball_Tournament_Information.

**Point Loma High wrestler Mike Serrano, center, celebrates after winning the CIF Div. III championship Feb. 22. Serrano has worked four years with wrestling coach Phil Moore, left, and assistant Miles Doughy.**

**Edward Jones ranks No. 4 on FORTUNE magazine’s Best Companies to Work For List Financial-services firm makes list for 15th year**

Financial-services firm Edward Jones ranked No. 4 on FORTUNE magazine’s “100 Best Companies to Work For” list in its 15th appearance on the prestigious list, according to Edward Jones’ VP, Edward Jones and CEO, Phil Moore. The firm was the highest-ranking financial-services firm on the list. Edward Jones’ 15 FORTUNE rankings also include top 10 finishes for 11 years, top five rankings for six years and consecutive No. 1 rankings in 2002 and 2003. Last year, the firm ranked No. 8 on Fortune.

The local financial advisors include: Natalie Chappuis, Kali Mistry, and John McKeen, CPP®.

Edward Jones wins in the FORTUNE survey of associates, 96 percent of Edward Jones associates said they are proud to work at Edward Jones. The survey also revealed that 96 percent of Edward Jones respondents say firm leadership is honest and ethical: 93 percent say they are offered the training and development they need; and 95 percent feel pride in what they accomplish.


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Future Pointers get chance to get on fast track  

Local elementary and middle schools are being invited to attend the second annual Future Pointers K-8 Track and Field Meet on May 3. The event will be held on the all-weather track surface and turf field at Pete Ross Stadium on the PLHS campus. A contingent of PLHS coaches and members of the school’s track and field team will be on hand to conduct the events exactly as if they were the meet they participate in during track season. 

Last year’s inaugural event, schools in the PLHS cluster formed teams, some practicing extensively for the event. 

Included will be sprint and long-distance races, relays and field events like long jumping, long jumping and more.

The event is under the auspices of Protect Our Pointers and is a fundraiser to pay the cost of certified athletic trainers who prevent and treat injuries to the athletes.

The tourpointers@gmail.com.

-- Scott Hopkins

Peninsula planners seek board candidates

The Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) has five board positions opening in March and is welcoming candidates to run for election to get more involved in the governance of their community. 

The planning board will hold a candidates’ forum Thursday, March 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Point Loma/Herrvey Branch Library on Voltaire Street. The election will be held at the same location on Thursday, March 20 from 4 to 8 p.m.

To be eligible for election, interested candidates must be at least 18 years old, live in or own a business within the PCPB boundaries, be able to commit to a three-year term (shorter for unexpired terms) and have attended at least one regular meeting within the last 12 months (attending the candidates’ forum qualifies for this requirement). 

The PCPB meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Point Loma Library. Various subcommittees also meet on regular basis.

For more information or to obtain an application, email pcpbemail@gmail.com.

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PIPELINE

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Wine is the word of choice in Larry Zeiger’s ‘Nice Legs’

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN | The Beacon

Larry Zeiger — a legend in the theatrical world at Point Loma High School and far beyond — likes to interpret real-life situations as big, bawdy blockbuster musicals. The big, bawdy Broadway kind.

One of his would-be creations follows the exploits of his good friend, Ted, into — well, let’s just call it a realm where few men tread. The show features “[g]lorious set designs, dazzling choreography and a brilliant score [that] will send audiences into the streets in a frenzy of exhilaration,” he said.

The glam factor is a natural progression of Zeiger’s life’s work. He authored a slew of song-and-dance entries during his career, and he’s been writing music since he was 15.

But until his latest work, titled “Nice Legs! A Pairing of Wine and Words,” he’d never written an anthology, much less an anthology whose crazy stories have their genesis in the wiles and ways of the vaunted grape. Truth be told, wine-food pairing traditions have blurred markedly in the last decade or so (“I always, always would drink red wine with seafood!” Zeiger told The Beacon at a Feb. 15 book signing in Point Loma; it follows that words deserve a place at the table too, as ideal a companion as the mahi mahi strips and tenderloin that wine normally accompanies.

“I was talking with two people at a wine bar in Little Italy,” explained the Cleveland native. “They love urban livin’, they really like wine tastings and they like talking about wine. They said that ‘Some people prefer the Gaslamp [Quarter] because they like to get drunk down there. We don’t. We enjoy wine for what it does as a social [tool].’ Wine is literary because it stimulates discussion. That’s probably why I wanted to pair wine and words.”

The self-published book was released last year.

Zeiger and co-author Jim Beddows — a suburban Boston native, yoga instructor and fellow teacher and musician — compiled “Nice Legs!” as a competition of sorts. Monthly meetings at local wine bars eventually became a festival of creative storytelling, wherein the two conjured such motley characters as The Snot-Nosed Know-It-All, George the Duck, an evil monkey in lederhosen and a talking appendix.

Each of the 15 chapters, which contain stories by both authors, is prefaced by a short explanation on the wines of choice. A Migration Anderson Valley Pinot Noir, with its reportedly brilliant finish, complements pieces about the authors’ college escapades. Zeiger thought the 2005 Basket Case Syrah fit the bill amid a tale of unrequited love, into which Dianne Feinstein prominently figures.

Gwyneth Paltrow ruined Beddows’ teaching career, and Zeiger wants his $55 back (Geyser Peak’s Uncensored Red Blend, and lots of it). Beddows beat a famous martial artist at his own game (Temecula’s Numero Uno Sangria). Ouch! The Transmogrification Musicale; is Zeiger’s aforementioned and critic-proof effort, set to run longer than “Cats” (a regional Cabernet Sauvignon called — what else? — “The Show”).

If Zeiger’s name sounds familiar, it should. Zeiger has a theater named after him. He taught English, stagecraft and...
March 9th 4pm-7pm

The Inn at Sunset Cliffs is holding their annual ‘Sea. Sky. Sun. Celebrations’ An event for friends, family’s brides and grooms to come view their beautiful location with a few personally suggested vendors displaying their services on-site. You will have the opportunity to view the property fully set up for your wedding. Complete ceremony packages will be displayed with decorations from the suggested designer. Grab a glass of wine and tour the property for your wedding or future stay. The Inn is holding a Golf Giveaway for the grooms. Hole-in-One contest. RSVP now for your chance to win our GRAND GIVEAWAY! They will also be giving away free nights, all attendees will be entered to win! Participating vendors: Camelia Wedding Flowers, DJ Primo, European Cake Gallery. Photo by Chana & Don. And don’t forget your Valentine. Gift Certificates Available for a future romantic Getaway. (Sorry: Valentine’s weekend is booked).

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PLHS musicians to offset costs of 2016 graduation for classmates

By BART MENDOZA | The Beacon

2016 is still almost two years away, but for a certain generation of students who happen to be graduating that year, it’s a date that looms ever closer. Expenses for events surrounding any graduation date that looms ever closer. Expenses for happening to be graduating that year, it’s a fundraiser for a certain generation of students who want to offset some of the costs of graduation for classmates.

Beginning at 4 p.m., guests will be entertained by music from The Steve Grady Band, Greene Street (formerly 140 Yards) and Revolt-Age. The event is suitable for all ages.

According to Allen, the reasons for booking these particular groups was pragmatic. “They are all relevant in some way to the school,” she said. “The openers — Revolt-Age — consists of Point Loma High School students. Two of them are in the class of 2016,” Allen said.

Meanwhile, Green Street is also from the school, while The Steve Grady Band is mostly Point Loma alumni. It’s a testament to the importance of music at Point Loma High that the principal, Hans Beckermann, is a San Diego Music Awards-nominated musician with his band Betamaxx.

“We almost had them play, but their guitarist wasn’t available,” said Allen. According to Wendy van den Helder, a member of the committee for class of 2016, there will be more traditional fundraising efforts in future months, but the idea of a concert featuring students at Humphreys Backstage Live will vouch for its involvement with Point Loma High School’s events.

“Humphreys has been very supportive,” said Allen. “We had an event last year that went great and hopefully we’ll also do something the same year. However, their involvement started with the First Friday Music Club, a nonprofit that provides supplemental music education to area schools, headed by director Glen Fisher.

“Almost all of the kids of these bands are alumni,” she said. “So that’s the connection with Humphreys.”

Allen said she hopes similar events can continue for future graduating classes.

“Depending on whether Humphreys will support it, this seems to be an effective tool,” she said.

**PLHS 2016 FUNDRAISER:** Saturday, March 1 at HUMPHREYS BACKSTAGE LIVE, 2241 Shelter Island Drive; 4 to 7 p.m. $10. www.humphreysbackstage-live.com.
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Peninsula-area events, Feb. 27-March 26

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THURSDAY, Feb. 27
The Ocean Beach MainStreet Association will host its regular Sundowner social event for local merchants and residents to introduce one of the newest businesses in town, OB Rock ‘n’ Roll school. The event takes place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ocean Beach Playhouse, 4944 Newport Ave., Suite E. Munchies and drinks will be provided by Surfside Pizza Café. For more information, call (619) 224-4906, or visit www.oceanbeachsandiego.com.

SATURDAY, March 1
The Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church will host a pipe-organ concert by internationally acclaimed Maestro Hector Olivera of Buenos Aires to benefit the Presbyterian Urban Ministries and UPLIFT in San Diego, as well as the church’s annual Day of Service in May and a seminary in Pakistan. The concert takes place at 7 p.m. at the church, 2128 Chatsworth Blvd. Tickets are $20 at the door. For more information, call (619) 223-1633, or visit pointlomachurch.org.

MONDAY, March 3
The Ocean Beach Woman’s Club hosts its regular monthly meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The first hour is dedicated to social time and food, followed by a discussion on ideas for improving the club’s front garden in the midst of the group’s 90th anniversary later this year. The meeting takes place at 2160 Bacon St. For more information, call (619) 222-1008, or visit www.obwomensclub.org.

SUNDAY, March 8
Winston’s Beach Club will host a Red, White and Blues Food Drive and Fundraiser for the Miramar Marine Family Food Locker from 3:30 to 8 p.m. Performances by Robin Henkel and Whitney Shay, Jon Atkinson, Michele Lundeen and Blue Streak, Chet and The Committee, Tony Tomkinson with The Fremonts. The event takes place at Winston’s, located at 1921 Bacon St. Cost TBD. For more information, call (619) 222-6822.

MONDAY, March 10
Robin Henkel Band with Horns and guest Whitney Shay perform at Humphreys Backstage Lounge from 7 to 11 p.m. Free. 21 and up at Humphreys, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. For more information, call (619) 224-3411.

SUNDAY, March 16
Animal lovers will have a chance to bring home a new loving pet during an Ocean Beach pet-adoption event set to take place at Shades Oceanfront Bistro from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event will present puppies, dogs, kittens and cats from the San Diego Humane Society, Second Chance Dog Rescue, San Diego Spaniel Rescue and Almost Home Animal Rescue. Shades is located at 5083 Santa Monica Ave. For more information, email jeff@shadesob.com or Elkie Wills at ewills@sdhumane.org.

SATURDAY, March 22
The American Academy of Pediatrics CA-Chapter 3 (AAPCA3) will hold its fifth annual “Read and Romp” event from 9 a.m. to noon at the McMillin Event Center at Liberty Station. The family-friendly fundraiser encourages parents to read to their children and promotes a love of reading. Proceeds benefit the pediatric literacy program Reach Out and Read San Diego, a program of the local AAP chapter. The cost is $15 per person or $50 for a family of four, which includes admission, activity tables, a character meet-and-greet, storytelling, music, dancing and continental breakfast. To register, visit www.rorsd.org.

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The Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library will be host to a free presentation by Road Scholar Ambassador Jull Swain, who will discuss the world’s leading nonprofit educational travel organization. Road Scholar is the name for programs created by Elderhostel, Inc. The presentation takes place at the library, located at 1701 Voltaire St., at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (619) 531-1539.

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