Brighton St. restroom rebuild lags behind targeted opening

By BIANCA KOCH | THE BEACON

Memorial Day weekend has come and gone. And local residents who were expecting to find a rebuilt, permanent Brighton Street restroom facility with warm-water showers by the beginning of summer kick-off were instead disappointed.

Though city officials had hoped to have the facility at Dog Beach open by the holiday weekend’s summer crush, construction on the “comfort station” is behind schedule, apparently coming as a surprise to District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer, Ocean Beach Town Council (OBTC) members and beachgoers.

Instead ofspanking-new facilities, residents and visitors were greeted by the worn-out assortment of dirty portable restrooms that lacked toilet paper, hygienic seat covers and running water.

The new target date for the facility’s opening is June 29.

The construction fiasco was the topic of conversation by the OB Town Council on June 29. See Restrooms, Page 8

Student rallies peers in support of pink-slipped PLHS teachers, staffers

Peaceful walkout makes public point, 1 arrested

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

Spurred to action after years of standing by helplessly, an empathetic teen organized a student walkout at Point Loma High School (PLHS) last week to peacefully protest budget cuts and pink slips handed out annually to Pointer staff members.

In her three years at PLHS, junior Victoria Gonzalez and her peers watched in silence as some of their favorite teachers and campus employees were dispatched in June after receiving pink slips in the spring. Many targeted staff members were young, some just several years into their careers, who had bought homes or were expecting additions to their families.

Gonzalez cited English teacher Yolanda Beltran and math teacher Raymond Hilbert as recent examples of beloved instructors who would be lost under current budget plans.

Of Beltran, Gonzalez said, “She made our class so much fun, so interesting and was so passionate about her teaching.”

Hilbert, a member of the Mesa College math department, teaches a college credit calculus course on the PLHS campus.

“All Mr. Hilbert thinks about is how much he wants us to succeed,” Gonzalez said. “He takes the time to learn, not because it’s his job.”

With such teachers in mind, Gonzalez decided to take a deeper look.

“I talked to some of my teachers and really empathized with them,” Gonzalez said. “We didn’t realize what it’s like to go through those things, and it inspired me to do a walkout.”

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“So why wouldn’t we want to use our voices to support?”

Students line the balcony of a building at the front entrance of Point Loma High on June 6 as hundreds of others crossed Chatsworth Boulevard, foreground, to support pink-slipped teachers and staff.

Shuck's photo by Roman Howard

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Council OKs lifeguard funds for relief positions

By MARKO LAMI | THE BEACON

San Diego lifeguards — who said they were left out of Mayor Jerry Sanders’ budget priorities for the coming fiscal year — were savored by the City Council on June 11 at the council’s second public hearing of the mayor’s revised budget.

Councilmembers voted 7-1 with District 5 City Councilman Carl DeMaio dissenting — to pass the budget, but not before agreeing to reverse expenditures to accommodate the lifeguards’ funding request for three relief positions and a wellness program.

“Your guys really looked after a group of professional rescuers who look after the public, and you’re really taken into consideration our health and our well-being,” said Sgt. James Gartland, San Diego Association for Lifeguards.

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“The mayor’s revised budget will be completed by the end of June. “I’m anxious to get this program started,” said District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer at the meeting. “We’ve heard very clearly from the lifeguards that they want to make this a very expedient process, so I have no doubt that it will conclude quickly.

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City still eyeing options to rid pesky gophers

By BIANCA KOCHI | THE BEACON

Ocean Beach seems to be a gophers’ paradise. Large numbers of the critters are reportedly destroying neighborhood parks, raking up a growing tab with the city.

It’s an ongoing fight for the city, and for the contractors in charge of pest control on city properties. The challenge, of course, is to safely eliminate the rodents without endangering local wildlife, domestic animals and the public.

Steve Paul, acting district manager for the city’s Recreation Department, said animal and human safety were priorities.

“Gophers thrive in the area,” he said. “So far, we came up with the best and most effective means of controlling the pesky gopher population at Dusty Rhodes Park and Robb Field Park in Ocean Beach, where the gophers can breed and destroy freely, along with tripping and aka-twisting hazards for humans and domestic animals.”

Paul said the key to controlling the gopher population is to control the roots of the gopher, which are the ones that feed the gophers. The gophers use these roots to build their burrows, which can be up to 15 feet deep.

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The setback here is that it is very labor intensive.”

Most rodents, according to experts, learn to avoid traps over time.

Another alternative we have been trying out at Robb Field for the past few weeks is the “Burrus Blaster,” which showed great success at Black Mountain Community Park,” said Bingham. “This particular gopher-eliminating method is not a poison. There is absolutely no safety concern for the public. We inject propionate into the burrows and create the injected propionate. The blow extinguishes the gopher with a severe concussion. We have yet to see if this method is effective, but it is the safest for the public, other wildlife and domestic animals.”

“We are highly concerned about the safety of our patrons,” he said. “We make an effort to keep the fields safe for the public. We don’t want anybody to break ankles or legs. We care about all users of the parks, humans or animals.”

Bingham said the city is looking into alternatives to more conventional methods – like trapping and poisons, which could compromise the quality of the ecosystem.

“We’d like to eradicate the gophers permanently as quickly as possible. The public, other wildlife and domestic animals, which is our No. 1 priority.”

Bingham said that, contrary to rumor, city officials had not already been planning to relocate two families of white barn owls to local parks as a means of gopher population control. Bingham said he only learned of the rumor during a recent

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Prizes will be awarded for the top three photos, which will be published in the June 28 Beacon. The deadline to receive entries is Tuesday, June 19.

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- Only one entry per photographer allowed.
- Amateur photographers only. Please, a professional category may be open to display but is not a part of the judging.
- Include: photographer’s name, address, phone number, date the photo was taken and a brief description of the subject.
- The safe return of entries is not guaranteed. Remember, these photos will be mounted for public display — expect some wear and tear.
- Photos may be picked up at The Beacon office, beginning Tuesday, June 26.

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Woman pleads guilty to collision that killed pedestrian

By NEAL PETHIAM | THE BEACON

A woman pleaded guilty June 11 to a hit-and-run case in which she struck and killed a pedestrian walking on the shoulder of Interstate 8 near Nimitz Boulevard in the early hours of March 11. Although she maintained she thought her vehicle had struck a sofa on the shoulder of the freeway at the time, Nikoleta Kristina Gallo, 19, pleaded guilty to the count.

While the maximum sentence is four years in prison, San Diego Superior Court Judge Dwayne Moring indicated he would strongly consider a sentence with probation, according to Deputy District Attorney Rebecca Zipp.

The victim was identified at Shofunai, 21, a San Diego engineer, but it wasn’t disclosed why he was walking on the freeway shoulder at 4:30 a.m. when the accident happened.

Sentencing for Gallo is set for July 26. Gallo, of Rancho Penasquitos, remains free on $50,000 bond. She could serve a jail term of one year or less and might still receive probation from the court.

Gallo said she later saw a news report about the traffic death and told her father, who contacted an attorney. The lawyer spoke to police investigators and Gallo agreed to surrender.

As a condition of bond, Gallo also agreed to wear a device that would show if she consumed alcohol. Her lawyer, King Aminpour, said Gallo agreed to wear the device “to show to the court, to the public, that she is not a safety risk.”

Gallo wasn’t charged with drunken driving in connection with the case. A day or two passed between the incident and her surrender, so no blood tests were taken by police. Her attorney said she was not a person who used drugs or was dependent on alcohol.

Marlin Club gives youngsters an oceanfront observation station

Mrs. Bryant’s fourth-grade class from Silver Gate Elementary School was given an oceanfront classroom by the Marlin Club of San Diego on May 30, providing young minds with a day filled with fun and excitement.

The day offered the children a chance to learn about the ocean environment and the species that live not only in this area but in the Pacific Ocean as a whole. The event involved a seminar by Capt. Bob Woodard, a Point Loma resident. There was a chance for children to meet Harbor Police officers and tour patrol boats and examine squad cars.

“This is exactly the kind of events we like to be involved in,” said Harbor Patrol public outreach officer Magda Fernandez, “It gives us a chance to interact with the public and be involved with the community and the children.”

Another Harbor Police officer gave the students sound advice for those occasions they are around the water, offering safety tips and answering questions about the Harbor Police force and their jobs. Some of the children expressed interest in becoming police officers.

There was also a marine art project, which allowed the students to do some colorful artwork. The highlight of the day came when the children got down on the docks to take a close look at the boat, and a marine art project, which allowed the students to do some colorful artwork. The highlight of the day came when the children got down on the docks to take a close look at the boat, which allowed the students to do some colorful artwork. The highlight of the day came when the children got down on the docks to take a close look at the boat, which allowed the students to do some colorful artwork.

The Marlin Club hosts many such events throughout the year. Teachers and school administrators who would like to arrange for a classroom or group of children to experience this type of education may contact the club at (61/9) 222-8677 or Bob Woodard at (619) 227-5478. For more information, visit www.the-marlinclub.com.

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Little boys and Labrador retrievers are the All-American Dream Team partners for life, growing up side by side, sharing secrets in their own special language. For 5-year-old Landon Throm, the dream of owning a dog is not a luxury, but a lifesaver.

The Loma Portal Elementary kindergarten was just a few blood-sugar points away from a coma in June 2011 when he was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes (T1D). Since then, overcoming the challenges of living with the incurable, potentially deadly disease has been a nightmare for the Throms.

A military family with two other children, Leonardi, 11, who attends Dana Middle School, and Stephen, 14, a student at Point Loma High School, the Throms are a testament to how the 24-7 challenges of living with the incurable, potentially fatal Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) can be overcome, thanks to the advances in technology and understanding of the disease.

Type 1 diabetic Landon Throm points to the $7,000 his family has raised for a diabetic alert dog. Landon’s parents, Anthony and Amy, hope to raise the balance of the $20,000 to pay for training the service dog. They will hold a $6-a-plate picnic fundraiser at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 6 at the Village at NTC Clubhouse, 1959 Tattnal Way. (Photo by Paty Basista/THE BEACON)

He stayed in the hospital for a week until he was stabilized, and Amy learned how to give him insulin shots.

There is no prevention or cure for T1D, according to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. T1D is an autoimmune disease where the pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables the body to get energy from food. There are two types of diabetes: Type 1, which is typical in childhood, and Type 2, which often results from excess body weight and physical inactivity in adults.

Earlier this month, the World Health Organization reported that 1 in 10 people worldwide has diabetes.

Landon is among the more than 3 million Americans who have T1D. A tow-headed boy with bright-blue eyes and a bright smile, he is the picture of health. Except for the medical idol tags that he wears around his neck, one wouldn’t know that he is walking around with a potentially life-threatening illness.

"I have to wear it every time I go to the doctor," he said, pulling his medical alert tag out from under his shirt. Then he pricks his finger, puts a drop of blood on a strip and inserts it into a cell phone-size glucose meter to check his blood sugar level. Amy learns to check the reading. Landon looks up at her for approval. "It’s not so bad," she said with a smile and sigh of relief.

"It doesn’t hurt at all," he said proudly in a little boy’s lip. "The shots sting, but I don’t cry."

Landon’s blood-sugar level is checked around the clock and he receives six to eight insulin shots a day: in school, he leaves class three times a day to have his glucose levels checked, a snack and an insulin shot from the school nurse. Amy, who is hyper-organized to meet the family’s needs and to take care of Landon, keeps a daily record of Landon’s glucose levels. She fa兹es them to the doctor and files the records in a bright-green binder that is three inches thick from a year of readings.

When children are growing and uncertain, which is why the Throm family has decided to get a diabetic alert dog. The service dog will alert Landon to any blood-sugar extremes. That means there will be no guessing about what’s going on inside Landon’s body—especially when he’s asleep.

The cost of a trained alert dog is $20,000. To date, the family has raised $7,000. The money has been collected together through online sales at a fundraiser held at Hooter’s by Anthony’s, and a $1,000 donation from Landon’s company. The Throms hope to raise the remaining $11,000 before Anthony’s next deployment.

Amy learned about diabetic alert dogs last year when she met Michelle Hyman at the Walk to Cure Diabetes.

Hyman, 40, was diagnosed with diabetes when she was 11 years old. As a child, she was taught several methods to control her blood sugar levels has diminished.

"It’s especially hard for me to wake up at night," she said.

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I have to wear it every time I go to the doctor," she said, pulling his medical alert tag out from under his shirt. Then he pricks his finger, puts a drop of blood on a strip and inserts it into a cell phone-size glucose meter to check his blood sugar level. Amy learns to check the reading. Landon looks up at her for approval. "It’s not so bad," she said with a smile and sigh of relief.

"It doesn’t hurt at all," he said proudly in a little boy’s lip. "The shots sting, but I don’t cry."

Landon’s blood-sugar level is checked around the clock and he receives six to eight insulin shots a day: in school, he leaves class three times a day to have his glucose levels checked, a snack and an insulin shot from the school nurse. Amy, who is hyper-organized to meet the family’s needs and to take care of Landon, keeps a daily record of Landon’s glucose levels. She fa兹es them to the doctor and files the records in a bright-green binder that is three inches thick from a year of readings.

When children are growing and uncertain, which is why the Throm family has decided to get a diabetic alert dog. The service dog will alert Landon to any blood-sugar extremes. That means there will be no guessing about what’s going on inside Landon’s body—especially when he’s asleep.

The cost of a trained alert dog is $20,000. To date, the family has raised $7,000. The money has been collected together through online sales at a fundraiser held at Hooter’s by Anthony’s, and a $1,000 donation from Landon’s company. The Throms hope to raise the remaining $11,000 before Anthony’s next deployment.

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**WALKOUT**

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So Gonzalez organized a walkout by hundreds of her fellow Palmetto High School students to call attention to the plight of many teachers and classified employees at her school who are now holding pink slips.

On June 6, a crowd of about 500 students moved toward the school entrance on Chatsworth Boulevard, crossed the street and took up positions in front of a Christian Science church.

Many others watched from campus as San Diego police and San Diego Unified School District officers hailed traffic when necessary to ensure the safety of students.

“We heard about it at 10 minutes before the event started,” said PLHS Principal Bobbie Samulson, who believes students used social networking sites to publicize their plans. Police were immediately notified and put in place.

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May 23, a meeting attended by Faulconer’s director of communications, Matt Awbrey.

Awbrey told OBTC members that Faulconer was informed of the delay two weeks before the planned finish date, when Faulconer questioned the status of the facility during a meeting of the city’s Capital Improvement Projects Budget Review Committee.

“I couldn’t believe it,” Faulconer said. “Here we’re counting on a smooth finish, thinking everything is up to par and then I hear this outrageous news at a public hearing like it was just a minor glitch. I immediately informed the Town Council after I learned about this dilemma.”

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Faulconer said that when he learned of the construction delay, he personally requested the project be finished no later than June 29 and that he be given an immediate response as to how the goal will be met.

“Going into the fourth summer without proper restroom facilities is highly unacceptable,” Faulconer said. “The Ocean Beach community deserves the same permanent bathroom facilities as other beach communities. I will personally fight for — and with — the community, to see to it this matter is resolved quickly. The whole process has been crazy from the start and it needs to come to an end.”

Faulconer’s push to have the Brighton Street comfort station finished by the end of June met with unanimous support from the Ocean Beach Town Council and drew criticism of city staff for the lack of communication with Faulconer’s office and the OBTC.

Among the OBTC’s voices of concern was president, Jim Muogragre, who repeatedly questioned city civil engineer Elif Cetin.

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Cetin said the project stalled because of the delivery of necessary materials like shower fixtures that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, along with electrical fixtures and steel fixtures to support the roof.

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When the puppy arrives — which Landon has already decided to name Rocky — it will be accompanied by a trainer, who will live with the Thorns for several days. This new breed of service dog can be trained to get juice boxes, insulin, blood glucose kits and even dial 911 in an emergency.

“Rocky will bring peace of mind to the Thorn household, but there are some things in their lives that won’t change, like Anthony’s demanding military career. He’s up and off to work at 4 a.m. to ensure the crew of the USS Howard starts its day with a healthy breakfast.

“When I get home at 6 at night, there’s time for dinner, the kids and bed,” he said. “Amy is our rock. Every morning the first thing I do is make sure Landon’s still breathing,” Anthony said. “It’s true what they say — until there’s a cure for diabetes, there’s a dog.”

For more information about the June 16 picnic fundraiser for Landon, or to buy a ticket in advance, call (619) 222-5973, or email lastthrom@cox.net.

To make a tax-deductible donation for a diabetic alert dog for Landon, make checks payable to Guardian Angel Service Dogs and mail them to P.O. Box 910 Orange, Va., 22960. Indicate the donation is for Landon Throm. Donations can also be made online at Guardianangel servicedogs.org.
The 2012 football schedule for Point Loma High School will feature a realigned Western League and two big home game dates.

The season opens with the annual Kickoff Classic on Saturday, Sept. 1. All three Pointer teams christen PLHS’s sparkling new turf field. Mar Vista provides the opposition. The freshmen play at 10 a.m.; junior varsity plays at 12:30 p.m.; and the varsity plays at 3 p.m.

The annual Homecoming game kicks off under the lights at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 against long-time rival La Jolla. The league opponents will be chang-
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The 2012 schedule also differs from last year because the Pointers finished undefeated in the Western League play (12-0) to claim the championship.

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Northern California, making him one of the best first-year collegiate players in the nation. Ament will play next year at Nyack College in New York.

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Individuality, junior Dominic Gareri, who finished 58-4 in season matches, was named Most Inspirational; Cramer earned honors for Best Sportsmanship; Saunders claimed the Most Improved title and Julio Bermudez and John Martinez were named Co-Rookies of the Year.

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People in the news
Choy to join national forum on medicine
Grayson Choy, a sophomore at Point Loma High School, has been invited to participate in the National Youth Leadership Fellowship (NYLF) on Medicine. Choy departs June 24 for a 10-day trip to Boston to shadow doctors and learn about a career in medicine.

NYLF is held each year in 18 different cities and helps prepare gifted students for their academic future and professional careers. The forums are offered in a variety of topics and career fields including law, medicine, college admission success and national security.

Students are nominated to attend the forums by teachers, community mentors or alumni of NYLF. Students must be high-achieving and have an interest in the various career fields.

Choy takes honors and AP classes at Point Loma High and is on the Honor Roll. Last year, she was selected for the Champions Sports Corps Leadership Development Program and the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Program.

In addition, Choy was sophomore Homecoming Princess, has played varsity soccer and junior varsity tennis for both years and has played with Albion Soccer Club since she was 9 years old. She is also a member of Mothers and Daughters Club Assisting Philanthropies (MADCAPS), and enjoys surfing and playing guitar and drums.

Point Loman to helm SD Women's Foundation
The San Diego Women's Foundation has announced that Rita Solberg, a longtime Point Loma resident and well-known and accomplished community leader, will take on the role of president of the foundation's board of directors for the upcoming year. A volunteer in San Diego for more than 25 years, Solberg joined the foundation in 2004 and has been an active and committed member since.

Adding to her foundation efforts are Solberg's many other community roles and accomplishments. She has served as president of the Junior League of San Diego and the Francis Parker School Parents' Association. She is a past president of Mothers and Daughters Club Assisting Philanthropies (MADCAPS), and was a board member of Voices for Children and Lutheran Social Services of Southern California.

Solberg is a LEAD San Diego graduate and is a Salvation Army Woman of Dedication. She holds a master's degree in nursing from UCLA.

No bones about it: Dog Beach Dog Wash is definitely pooh heaven
BY MARSHA KAY SEFF

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She hit upon the idea of starting a do-it-yourself dog wash while standing in her shower one day, shampooing her own two pets. Now, celebrating its second year, June Donley’s Ocean Beach business is doing — pardon the pun — doggone well.

Last month, a 7-pound pug became her 450,000th “customer,” said Donley, who owns Dog Beach Dog Wash on Voltaire Street with her partner, Mindy Pellini.

Donley said that between 400 and 500 dogs a week are bathed in the shop’s five waist-high tubs and a puppy sink, mostly after a romp on nearby Dog Beach. The doors are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week.

“Our biggest day was in August 2004, when we had 168 dogs in 14 hours,” Donley said. “Our biggest week was in 1999 with 716 dogs. I believe this makes us the busiest dog wash in the country.”

To mark the occasion, Oscar the pug and his “guardians,” Carolyn and Rob Voss, got a free wash and a gift bag of coupons, doggie toys and treats. And at 8:20 a.m., when the dog ambled in there were mimosa for all the adults.

Donley recalls when her late dog Breaker, an Australian-shepherd mix, had a flea allergy and needed to be bathed every day for two weeks. Living in a condo, she said, she didn’t have a yard and had to do the honors in her shower.

Then, the dogs ran through the house shaking off water. Cleaning the dogs, the house and all the totals, took about four hours.

“And I never thought the dogs got cleaned very well,” Donley said.

So, with the new business idea in mind, she walked to Dog Beach to run her idea by other pet owners. They loved it and promised to use the shop that would be just a few blocks from the popular beach.

“Everyone said they had planned to open one, and we did it.”

In less than two years, Donley, a former public relations manager in the health field, and her partner, a former nurse, opened the shop. “It’s so much easier here,” said Ousa- ka. “You can stand and don’t have to bend over.”

Donley didn’t build walls between the sinks because, she believes, the dogs like to socialize with each other. Unlike when the dogs visit their veterinarians, there’s no stress here, Donley said.

“We try to make it fun and light-hearted,” she said.

And even the dogs who are a little skittish get free treats on the way out.

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POOCH PICKUPS

• Friendly dogs and their owners are invited to join Friends of Dog Beach for beach cleanups from 9 to 11 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. Gloves, bags, scoops, brooms and shovels are provided. For more information, call (619) 523-1700.

• Breaker, an Australian shepherd mix, was mimosas for all the adults.

• In August 2004, when we had 168 dogs in 14 hours, our biggest week was in 1999 with 716 dogs. I believe this makes us the busiest dog wash in the country.”

• In less than two years, Donley, a former public relations manager in the health field, and her partner, a former nurse, opened the shop.

• “Everyone said they had planned to open one, and we did it.”

• Donley didn’t build walls between the sinks because, she believes, the dogs like to socialize with each other.

• Unlike when the dogs visit their veterinarians, there’s no stress here.

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Point Break has added a new 600 sq ft patio to its location at 2743 Shelter Island Drive. The building which was built in 1960 as a nightclub has really not changed much over the last 50 plus years. The building certainly has “character” but has always been somewhat dark in side. This new open patio is a great option for those who prefer a lighter dining experience and clearly is ideal for those who prefer outdoor dining. It is also dog friendly for those who enjoy dining with their canine companions.

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With its proximity to the beach and a host of dining options and a vibrant music and comedy scene, Ocean Beach has long been an entertainment destination. The only missing pieces were an actual movie house or a spot to catch live theater.

Now, thanks to the folks at Electric Ladyland, the home of the movie house or a spot to catch live theater both will soon be a part of the local area’s cultural highlights.

On February 20, 2008, Paul and Lynne Bolton, the location is already established as a music venue and school for local musicians. And beginning Thursday, June 21, Electric Ladyland will begin hosting plays from the different stages Theatre Company, with movie screenings to follow later this summer.

“We were given the opportunity to take over the back space of our building and knew that the area had always wanted more cultural activities,” said Lynne Bolton. “We realized that the school was n’t enough to pay all the bills, so we looked at other things to expand what we’re doing. The idea theater seemed like a natural extension. We just put it online that we were interested in this and this wonderful man, Jerry Pilato, contacted us.”

According to Pilato, the name of the theater company may change, although it won’t change its policies.

“We have the original name because we didn’t have a name at the time and would have been reluctant to change it at those stages,” he said. “We’ll probably keep the name for a while, since plays go through stages,” he said. “We’ll probably keep the name for a while, since plays go through stages.”

“I’ve never really been able to promote a season of shows because I never knew where I would be able to stage things. So this is going to make things more exciting and doable.”

He plans for the productions to be eclectic.

“as far as genre or style goes, we’re going to be doing a little bit of everything,” he said. “We want to get into a position where we can actually do some musicals that aren’t necessarily the ‘Sound of Music’ or ‘ Oklahoma.’”

There will also be late-night shows with more “off-the-wall” productions and screenings. The rest of the floor plan is said to be theater seating on folding chairs with black covers and bal...
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SAN DIEGO (June 6, 2012) -- Pacific Sotheby's International Realty announced Steve Games and Nyda Jones-Church have joined forces with Brian Arrington and are now operating Pacific Sotheby's International Realty. “Their vision, combined with the quality and expertise that they bring to the market, is a very powerful union,” said Philip White, president and chief operating officer.

Games has joined the firm as chairman of the board and Jones-Church will act as chief operating officer. Brian Arrington will continue to serve as president and chief executive officer. Pacific Sotheby’s International Realty operates eight offices in the San Diego market with locations in Point Loma, Coronado, La Jolla, Mission Hills and La Jolla. Pacific Sotheby’s International Realty has also acquired the Rancho Santa Fe office that was previously owned by Sotheby’s International Realty as well as the rights for Sotheby’s International Realty in San Diego County.

According to Arrington, the addition of Games and Jones-Church will help create a “powerful union.” “The strength of an established and growing luxury real estate firm coupled with the power of two market legends creates a very powerful union,” he said.

San Diego’s market presence in the high-end markets of San Diego, Rancho Santa Fe, Del Mar, La Jolla and Coronado. Steve and Nyda founded Pickford Realty in 1985 and since that time have been a leader in luxury real estate. “This is a pivotal time in San Diego’s real estate market, with great opportunities for future growth,” he said. “Steve Games and Nyda Jones-Church bring further depth and breadth of experience to our management team as the company intensifies its push to become the leader in luxury residential real estate sales in San Diego. We intend to open additional offices in other key locations in order to serve the most highly-desirable markets of San Diego County.”

“Steve Games and Nyda Jones-Church bring a deep background of service and expertise to the San Diego market,” said Philip White, president and chief executive officer. “Their vision, combined with the quality firm Brian Arrington has built, lays the groundwork for future growth in recruiting the region’s top talent and building the Sotheby’s International Realty brand’s market presence in the high-end markets of San Diego. We intend to open additional offices in other key locations in order to serve the most highly-desirable markets of San Diego County.”

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Gayle Wisley Wedekind, a native San Diegan who embodied the spirit of the classic surfer girl, passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 4, 2012. She was 59.

She is survived by her husband, Lionel; father, Russ; brother, Craig; and two step-sons, Sharon and Janice, who all loved her so very much.

Born March 13, 1952, Gayle attended Sunset View Elementary School, Dana Junior High and Point Loma High School, graduating with honors.

After high school, Gayle, Lionel and their good friend, Arnold Martel, traveled in a 1957 Volkswagen bus in Panama, then moved on to South America for 2 1/2 years.

Gayle always knew how to have a good time and how to make those around her smile. She had a love of all animals and not just saying it — wanted peace on Earth.

She will be missed by all who knew her. To know her was to love her. She was the classic surfer girl and is now with the Good Lord.

A celebration was held June 12.
Welcome Tami Fuller

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Ascent Real Estate is proud and honored to welcome Tami Fuller as a premier agent at our Point Loma/Ocean Beach office.

Tami Fuller has become a household name in the communities Point Loma and Ocean Beach – her area of specialty. When most people think of real estate in these neighborhoods, they think of Tami Fuller.

Tami’s real estate career began in 1988 and she has gained tremendous knowledge and experience. She also developed a dynamic marketing and buyer strategy that evolves with her clients’ needs, market conditions and changing technology. As a result, Tami and her team have successfully guided hundreds of families and individuals through the home buying and home selling process. Along the way, she has been honored with numerous achievement awards and is consistently recognized as one of the top selling agents in San Diego County. But, most important to Tami is the trust and honor given to her by friends and clients with their repeat business and referrals.

Tami is an active member of several professional organizations, including San Diego’s Women Council of Realtors, Point Loma Association and Ocean Beach Historical Association.

We welcome Tami and her team with open arms to our Point Loma/Ocean Beach branch, located in the historic Liberty Station, 2468 Historic Decatur Road, Suite 250.