Petition to close unsafe Cañon Street, Catalina Blvd. intersection in PL

Residents want part of the road turned into memorial park

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

In what’s being referred to as a “preventable tragedy,” Point Lomans have started a petition drive to close Cañon Street between Talbot Street and Catalina Boulevard in the wake of a March 2 early-morning accident in which a father and his child were struck by an SUV.

The accident left the infant dead and the man hospitalized with serious head trauma. The mother, who was with them, witnessed the accident but was unharmed.

A heartfelt message was left for Juniper Aavang at the makeshift memorial at the Cañon and Catalina intersection.

The accident happened at Cañon Street and Catalina Boulevard in the La Playa neighborhood around 6:25 a.m. The father, a man in his

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Simoneau pleads guilty to wife’s death, gets 11 years

A former Point Loma man pleaded guilty March 12 to voluntary manslaughter in the 2007 death of his wife whose remains were found in the Anza-Borrego Desert.

Anthony Edward Simoneau, 46, has agreed to accept a stipulated sentence of 11 years in prison, said Deputy District Attorney Kurt Mechals. Simoneau will have to serve 85 percent of the 11-year term, he added.

A murder charge in the death of Fumiko Ogawa Simoneau, 41, was dismissed by El Cajon Superior Court Judge Daniel Goldstein after he pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

The skeletal remains of the victim were found Jan. 20, 2007 in the desert. She vanished from her Point Loma home three weeks earlier. Her remains were not identified until 2011

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Ocean Beach Woman’s Club to hold its annual rummage sale Saturday

You can start your spring cleaning by supporting a great cause, the Ocean Beach Woman’s Club’s annual rummage sale on Saturday, March 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2160 Bacon St.

The club is accepting quality donated items to sell, especially new and gently used items such as furniture, jewelry, housewares, books, small appliances, electronics, kitchenware, sporting goods, tools, kids items and gardening equipment.

Donations may be dropped off at the club 4 to 7 p.m. on March 19 and 20. “The club looks forward to all of OB’s support,” said the Woman’s Club on its website at www.obwomansclub.org. “Proceeds will go towards various OB community projects, as well as to improvements to their building.”

Founded in 1924, Ocean Beach Woman’s Club is 91 years old this year. One of the oldest civic groups in the city of San Diego, the club has been instrumental in paving OB streets, installing sewers, securing street lights, acquiring an OB Rec Center and a public library, securing life guards year-round and planting trees, shrubs and flowers as well as having served as a recreation center for service men during World War II.

Some of the latest projects OB Woman’s Club has been involved with include OBWC Community Gardens; established two college scholarships for two former foster students who’ve “aged out of the San Diego Foster Care System”; helped support the OB Fireworks; held an open house for the OB Town Council holiday fundraiser; hosted OBMA’s mixer for OB businesses plus OBMA’s Holiday Food and Toy Drive; OBMA’s mixer for OB businesses plus OBMA’s Holiday Food and Toy Drive; OBMA’s Holiday Food and Toy Drive; OBMA’s mixer for OB businesses plus OBMA’s Holiday Food and Toy Drive; OBMA’s Holiday Food and Toy Drive; OBMA’s mixer for OB businesses plus OBMA’s Holiday Food and Toy Drive; OBMA’s Holiday Food and Toy Drive; OBMA’s mixer for OB businesses plus OBMA’s Holiday Food and Toy Drive; OBMA’s Holiday Food and Toy Drive; OBMA’s mixer for OB businesses plus OBMA’s Holiday Food and Toy Drive;

The club also has an educational component. “We are presently offering line dancing and art classes just to name a few,” said the club’s website.

Larger donated items for OB Woman’s Club’s annual rummage sale can be picked up by calling (619) 222-1008. Leave a message and your call will be returned.

The Ocean Beach Woman’s Club is a 501 (c) nonprofit. Donations can be mailed in or made online.

The club also extends an open invitation for interested women to join them at their monthly meetings on the second Tuesday at 5:50 p.m. at OBWC House at 2160 Bacon St. Ocean Beach Woman’s Club can also be rented for events and local gatherings, including parties, meetings, election polls, lectures, classes, weddings, fundraisers and rehearsal space.

For information, call (619) 222-1008, email info@obwomansclub.org.

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Fabiani trial to begin this week

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mid-30s, was pushing his baby, 7-month-old Juniper Aavang, in a stroller when they were hit by the SUV traveling north on Catalina Boulevard as it turned onto northeast-bound Cañon Street. Upon impact, the pair went flying at least 50 feet, police said.

The man was taken to Sharp Hospital and his child, stopped and tried to help about eight feet to the pavement. No one saw him leave, according to witnesses in the preliminary hearing, but he wasn’t there when police and an ambulance showed up. Valentino Fabiani was declared brain dead in a hospital, and he died eight days later. A deputy medical examiner testified the boy’s injuries included a skull fracture and stemmed from both the accident and the fall. Fabiani was arrested days later. It was suspected that he had been drinking and wanted to avoid an alcohol-blood test.

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Point Loma Assembly plans contest to provide free space for nonprofit group

The Point Loma Assembly, located in a historic building across from Cabrillo Elementary School at 3035 Talbot St., is dedicated to promoting civic, artistic, literary, social and philanthropic work on the Peninsula.

According to board president Susan Hoekenga, in appreciation of community support the assembly has received over the years, the organization is sponsoring a contest to identify an appropriate nonprofit group or organization looking for a location for one day in which to complete their project.

“We are regularly approached by groups who want to use the building at no charge, and we can’t honor all these requests,” said board chairman Marty Smith, “even though we know there is a need for space in Point Loma.”

“There are many groups in the area paying it forward with projects like tutoring kids, raising money for causes, putting on performances, and all kinds of wonderful projects,” said Hoekenga.

“Offering the building at no charge is our thank you to the community, and we look forward to providing space for a group that just needs a place to do that,” she added.

Interested organizations may contact Hoekenga at (619) 222-3500 or shoekenga@cox.net.

This past summer, the site received upgrades. A new roof was put on, the front doors were painted, new signage noting the 100-year anniversary was added and new lighting was installed.

Currently, the building is notable for another reason. A 12-foot tall metal and glass sculpture, created for the Port District’s Urban Tree project, was installed in front of the Hall. Designed by Point Loma artist Cindy Hoekenga, the fanciful “tree” was erected to call attention to the Point Loma Assembly Art Show held last November.

More than two-dozen juried artists participated, representing a variety of mediums including pottery, jewelry, paintings and photography. Works were donated a portion of their sales to the Assembly restoration fund, raising more than $3,000.

The Assembly was formed by a group of 28 community-minded women in 1911. The current building was built with funds solicited by the members on land deeded to the group. The first meeting was held in September 1914. The building was formally dedicated in January 1915, and the membership held a centennial celebration commemorating this milestone in January, where Mayor Kevin Faulconer presented the group with a proclamation noting the organization’s significant contributions to the community over the years.

The structure became an important community resource as the location of among other things, theater and musical performances, civil defense meetings, an election polling site and Red Cross blood drives. Membership at one time was so large there was a junior and senior division, but attendance began to fall during the 1970s as more women went to work.

“Several years ago the building was nearly sold to a non-profit, but a small group of women rallied to build up the organization and preserve this historic building. We are now over 100 members strong and growing,” said Dorothy Laub, hospitality chairwoman.

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Getaway driver pleads guilty

The getaway driver in 11 robberies and attempted robberies, which started in Ocean Beach, has pleaded guilty to committing two hold-ups and faces up to six years in prison.

A sentencing date for Benjamin Hernandez, 24, will be set on April 20 in San Diego Superior Court, said Deputy District Attorney Michael MacNeil on Tuesday. The remaining nine charges will be dismissed.

Joseph Andres Garcia, 20, is charged with eight counts of robbery and three attempted robberies in the same series and will stand trial on April 20, Garcia has pleaded not guilty.

Hernandez was arrested Feb. 3, 2014 by San Diego Police after a witness wrote down the license plate number of the BMW used as the getaway car. It was traced to Hernandez’s home in National City. Garcia was arrested two days later.

The victims, 10 men and one woman, testified last April in the preliminary hearing. The spree took place in one night, on Feb. 2, 2014. Most victims were robbed at gunpoint, many of them were pedestrians. Some said guns were held to their heads.

The first robbery happened about 6:30 p.m. on Ocean Beach, and other hold-ups occurred in Hillcrest, Golden Hill, Mission Beach, and the Midtown area. Two students were held up at UCSD in La Jolla. The wallets and cell phones were taken from each victim. Both remain in jail on $500,000 bail each.

---Noel Putnam

Hearing postponed for teens accused of crime spree

A preliminary hearing was postponed on March 19 for two teenagers accused of holding up pedestrians in a crime spree that ended in a police pursuit and crash.

Victor Ledesma, 18, and 17-year-old Jonah Ledesma – who are not related – are each facing six counts of robbery and three attempted robberies in the same series and will stand trial on April 23 at First and Pennsylvania avenues. San Diego police said four robbers pulled guns and knives on pedestrians in Hillcrest, University Heights, North Park and La Jolla.

Officers caught up with the quartet in Mission Beach around 2:15 a.m. and a pursuit ensued. The chase ended to be replaced and repairs were needed for two other poles as well. No one was seriously hurt.

---Noel Putnam

State expands restrictions on water usage amid drought

California residents have to turn off their sprinklers, and restaurants won’t give customers water unless they ask under new drought regulations approved March 17.

The State Water Resources Control Board on Friday approved new restrictions on water use with California entering its fourth year of drought as winter ends without significant storms or snowfall replenishment.

So far this winter, wildfires are burning through nearly four times as many acres as usual. The state fire agency reports that the dry conditions are forcing it to maintain its highest level of seasonal firefighters straight through the winter.

The state water board, meanwhile, is pursuing ways to cut down urban water use. It voted to extend statewide door water limits imposed in July, barring washing down driveways, decorative fountains, and not using sprinklers for two days after it rains.

---Noel Putnam

SANDAG plans to expand Regional Bike Network

As part of a $200 million initiative to expand bike infrastructure and make riding a bike a transportation choice for everyday trips, SANDAG is launching GO by BIKE, a public outreach and marketing program aimed at expanding awareness, appreciation and acceptance of biking as a practical and reasonable choice for getting around and to encourage people to use Regional Bike Network projects as the means to travel throughout San Diego.

One of the projects is the Rose Creek Bikeway. The project will improve an important connection between points to the north, such as Sorrento Valley, University City, and points to the south, such as Mission Bay, Pacific Beach, Mission Valley, and downtown San Diego.

The GO by BIKE brandmark – which features a bike graphic with wheels in the shape of the letters “G” and “O” – will be applied to bikes, bike parks, facilities and signage for existing and future bikeways as well as a wide range of promotional materials, including print and radio advertising, websites, and billboards.

The program applies unique branding to the Regional Bike Network as well as other bike infrastructure and resources, including #GObyBIKEsd and a hashtag, #GObyBIKEsd.

Visitors to GObyBIKEsd.com will find information on the Regional Bike Plan, SANDAG projects, events, classes, riding tips, and other resources that will help them get involved and go active, including a link to the interactive Regional Bike Map to plan their next bike trip. The landing page has a streamlined design, making it easy for users to quickly find what they need.

“We want San Diegans of all ages and abilities to feel comfortable and encouraged to ride their bikes for everyday trips, whether it’s to the beach, the store, school, or work,” SANDAG chair and Santee Councilmember Jack Dale said. “Biking as a viable form of transportation is gaining momentum throughout the country. It’s not just good for our health, it’s good for the environment and the economy.”

In September 2013, the SANDAG board of directors approved the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program (EAP), committing $200 million from the region’s voter-approved TransNet half-cent sales tax to expand the bike network and finish high-priority projects within the next five years.

The approval of the Bike EAP represents the single largest investment in bike projects and programs in the history of the San Diego metropolitan region and is aimed at making bicycling a transportation choice for everyday trips, SANDAG is launching.

---Noel Putnam

ROSE CREEK BIKEWAY PROJECT

• The Rose Creek Bikeway is being designed as a Class I bike path (completely separated from vehicle traffic) and protected bikeway (on the street but separated from vehicle traffic by a physical barrier), such as a raised curb that connects existing sections of the Rose Canyon and Rose Creek bike paths in the City of San Diego.

• The Rose Creek Bikeway is part of the regional Coastal Rail Trail, a 44-mile system of multi-use trails extending from the City of Oceanside to Santa Fe Depot in downtown San Diego.

• The project will improve a very important connection between the north, such as Sorrento Valley, University City, and UC San Diego, and points to the south, such as Mission Bay, Pacific Beach, Mission Valley, and downtown San Diego.

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after being matched with her parents’ DNA in Japan, said Mechals.

Anthony Simoneau had moved to Hawaii, and he was arrested Sept. 4, 2013, in Honolulu and extradited here.

The case is in East County due to the body being found in the desert. Simoneau remains in the South Bay Detention Facility on $5 million bail.

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Gary went to Ocean Beach in 1959, when Gary was about 11, the first time he played on the field he still refers to as his home base. He described it as a magical place, where he could lose himself in the game and the scenery. "It's where I learned the game. It's where I played the game. It's where I loved the game," he said.

Corbett said Orwig never resisted lending a helping hand to the homeless, even going so far as to allow them to use his P.O. box and deliver their mail to them or house them temporarily if they required it. "Nobody would even know about that. He (Orwig) was very humble and non-assuming," Corbett said, offering an anecdote about his brother. "One time he put together a (homeless) team, the Curt-ells, for a baseball division that just played for fun," Corbett said. "That was the kind of person he was."

Corbett said her family practically grew up at Robb Field. "My family has been using Robb Field for more than 55 years," she said. "My dad coached and umpired there. My dad coached and brother both coached me. I coached for more than 55 years," she said. "My family has been using Robb Field for more than 55 years." Corbett said Orwig never resisted lending a helping hand to the homeless, even going so far as to allow them to use his P.O. box and deliver their mail to them or house them temporarily if they required it. "Nobody would even know about that. He (Orwig) was very humble and non-assuming," Corbett said, offering an anecdote about his brother. "One time he put together a (homeless) team, the Curt-ells, for a baseball division that just played for fun," Corbett said. "That was the kind of person he was."

Corbett said Orwig's love for the game was not just about the crack of the bat, the long fly ball or the close play at home plate. It was about the people he played with and the fans that came out to watch. His mom and dad were always on the sidelines, and his sisters, brothers-in- law and brothers-in- law played on his co-ed softball teams for several years. Every Sunday was a family reunion, full of great fun and laughter. Over the years, Gary built an extended family from the managers and team members in the league.

Many of Gary's lifelong friendships started out at Robb Field. Gary also befriended the homeless population that congregated at the fields on Sundays to watch the games. He knew them by name and helped them whenever he could, bringing food for both them and their dogs, helping them get their Social Security checks and even forming a team for them to play on to give them a chance to be a part of the community in a positive way. The game of baseball and softball was Gary's life. Robb Field was his playground. Renaming "Field 8" to "Gary Orwig Field" will ensure that as much as it was a part of his past, it will also be a part of his future. He would be so humbled to know that his dedication to the game, and the spirit of love he had for it, would be memorialized for years to come. Being a man of a few words, it is clear what Gary's response to this honor would be...

"Play ball!"

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Fiesta De Reyes Host Sixth-Annual Folklorico Competition In Old Town

Dancers from throughout Southern California and beyond came as far away as Sacramento - will meet and compete during the sixth-annual Fiesta De Reyes Folklorico Competition in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. The two-day event will light up the main stage during the Fiesta Old Town Cinco de Mayo Festival on May 2 and 3.

Folklorico is a traditional Latin American dance that emphasizes local folk culture with ballet characterizations. Children, teen-agers and adults will compete in three categories for the competition title and cash prizes. Renowned judges from Mexico include Humberto Caballero, Jorge Luis Miramontes Planillas and Cecilio Cordero. Dance instructor Luis Oceguera is producing the event on behalf of Fiesta de Reyes.

The competition is free for the public to attend and will take place in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. Children and adult performances alternate throughout the day, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday. Live bands will take the stage in the afternoon until 9 p.m. on Saturday and 6 p.m. on Sunday. In addition, the state park will showcase children's activities all weekend, including games, rides, crafts and much more as it takes place in conjunction with the 32nd Annual Fiesta Old Town Cinco de Mayo.

Celebrating 32 years of fiery fun, Fiesta Old Town Cinco de Mayo will transform the historic Old Town area into the largest Cinco de Mayo celebration north of the border. This free family-friendly festival will take place on Saturday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visitors will be able to experience Old Town like no other day of the year with three outdoor stages with live entertainment, more than 40 vibrant bands, traditional mariachi performances, interactive children's activities, a lively beer garden and a Low Rider Lane. More than 15 restaurants will provide the flavors of the celebration with food and beverages for purchase.

For additional information on Fiesta Old Town Cinco de Mayo call (619) 291-4903 or visit CincoDeMayoOldTown.com. For more information on the Fiesta de Reyes Folklorico Competition visit www.fiestadereyes.com or call (619) 297-3100.
San Diego schools propose start date before Labor Day

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

San Diego Unified School District is seeking public input on a proposed change, which would take effect in the 2016-17 school year, to switch the first day of school from the Tuesday after Labor Day to the last week in August.

Pointing out that for 30-plus years SDUSD has had a calendar committee responsible for putting together instructional calendars, SDUSD director of communications Linda Zintz said, “San Diego Unified is one of the last remaining school districts to start after Labor Day. Out of 42 districts in the county, only three or four of us continue to start the day after Labor Day.

The proposed start date for the calendar change is Aug. 29, 2016 for all schools, with an end date of June 14, 2017 for traditional calendar schools and an end date of July 21, 2017 for year-round schools.

But before making any adjustments to its calendar, SDUSD acknowledges the importance of informing all the stakeholders why the district is considering the move, which it believes will benefit students.

The district Calendar Committee identified several benefits of moving the start of school to August, including: • Aligns the district calendar with the majority of school districts across San Diego County. • Maximizes instruction time for students prior to the administration of standardized tests, which are given in the spring. • Aligns the district calendar more closely with the San Diego Community College District and other university academic calendars, which expands opportunities for high school students to participate in early summer special enrichment programs or pre-collegiate classes. • Students who participate in fall sports, football, field hockey, water polo, and cross country, begin training in August to be competitive with the other districts that start school in August. In essence, their summer break is already over. • Provides students looking for summer employment/internships equal access to these opportunities as students in other districts. • Not being tied to the definitive start date of the day after Labor Day provides flexibility for the end of the school year so it does not end on a Monday.

Zintz noted the proposed 2016-17 calendar change was first proposed in December 2014, but she added the district board “felt like we weren’t giving families (proper) notice to make the change in 2015-16, so that was changed to 2016-17.”

Zintz said her initial impression was that district stakeholders were about evenly split on the pros versus the cons of starting the school year earlier rather than later. She added there is an online forum on a district website where parents and others can “give their input saying, ‘Yes, we support the Aug. 29 start date,’ or ‘No, we want to stay with the day after Labor Day time.’ ”

“I know there are some vocal parents out there,” said Zintz about the ramifications of the proposed school calendar change. Zintz said SDUSD has set aside March for outreach and comment, noting once feedback has been compiled that information will be presented to the district’s governing board for further consideration, likely in April.

Zintz noted the proposed calendar change will not only affect students and their parents but also will impact the district’s 14,000 employees and all of its school sites. She added that whether or not it’s “the best thing for kids” will likely ultimately determine whether the calendar change is made - or not.

Founded in 1954, SDUSD represents more than 200 institutions with more than 15,000 employees. The district includes 113 elementary schools, 24 middle schools, four atypical schools, 10 alternative schools, 27 high schools and 25 charter schools.

The district is governed by a five-member elected Board of Education. Board members are elected by district for four-year terms.

The SDUSD calendar change survey is available at www.sandi.net. Deadline to provide feedback is March 31. If you have questions, email communications@sandi.net.
Lady Pointers capture CIF Div. II championship

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE BEACON

The Lady Pointers soccer team completed an outstanding season with a tense, gutsy and physical 1-0 victory over Valhalla in the CIF Div. II championship game March 7 at Madison High School.

The victory had added sweetness since Valhalla was the No. 1 seed with the Pointers receiving the No. 2 nod.

Before each match, the Lady Pointers recite a chant that includes the phrase “We can’t be beat,” and that proved almost always to be the case as they scored to a 21-2-1 overall record and 8-0 mark to dominate the City League.

The title marked the team’s 114th consecutive victory.

The girls soccer team follows the girls basketball team (Div. IV) and girls volleyball team (Div. I) as the third girls team to bring home a CIF championship in the last 12 months.

In the 70th minute of the match, hard-charging junior striker Jordan Patane was foiled in the penalty box by a Valhalla defender, which led to a penalty kick. Senior co-captain Taylor Hopkins was selected to take the resulting penalty shot.

Hopkins approached the ball and drilled a blast into the left side of the net, past the outstretched arms of the Valhalla goalkeeper for the only score of the game.

The Pointer bench and fans erupted in cheers as the pressure immediately fell on the Norsemen, who furiously fought to tie the game before the referee’s whistle signaled the end of the match.

“I always go left (with my shot),” Hopkins said, amid a raucous on-field celebration by hundreds of Pointer students, parents and fans who came to support the team. “The goaltender looked at me and I think she knew I was going to do right, so I went left.

My heart almost exploded in my chest but everything worked out all right.”

Pointers baseball looks strong early this season

A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling your home have become increasingly less and less effective in today’s market. The fact of the matter is that 75% of home sellers don’t get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As the report uncovers, most home sellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In response to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free report entitled “The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and for Top Dollar”.

To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report call toll-free 1-800-691-9384 and then enter ID# 2000. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Get your free special report NOW to find out how you can get the most money for your home.

Point Loma teen earns silver in U.S. Futnet

Fifteen-year-old Lukas Hanc recently returned from the United States Futnet Competition in Chicago, where he received a silver medal.

Futnet, or soccer tennis as it is also known, is popular around the world, especially in Europe, as it was developed in Czechoslovakia in the 1920s. Hanc also represented USA in the World Championship in the Czech Republic in November 2014 where his team placed ninth among 18 teams.

“I have great passion for this unique sport that requires the skills of soccer, gymnastics, karate and tennis,” said Hanc, a Point Loma High School sophomore.

Hanc, whose parents are natives of the Czech Republic, learned the game from playing with his father and his friends on the weekends.

“At the tournament, I was very nervous playing against athletes I had looked up to my entire life,” Hanc said.

Hanc was the youngest player on any of the 11 teams competing, the average age being 28.

“It was great playing for a stadium filled with fans, but probably the most emotional moment of the tournament was to stand in front of the United States flag at the ceremony and realize that I was representing my country,” Hanc said.

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About two months ago, local photographer John Cocozza met the San Diego band KI at a full moon bonfire in Mission Beach, and was immediately impressed. Cocozza was even more amazed when he heard their song “By The Sea.” That led to an idea for a music video of a video for the song to the band (and their manager), which would include their kids getting creative with local artists this summer.”

“We are a community of people who love surfing, stand-up paddleboarding, swimming in the ocean and hanging with friends at the beach,” said Cocozza. “That led to an idea for a music video that would capture San Diego’s coastal communities. Cocozza pitched his vision of a video for the song to the band (and their managers), which would include scenes from Sunset Cliffs, Ocean Beach, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, and La Jolla. The band was 100 percent on board.

“I had the privilege of working with a great professional cinematographer (and editor) Jon Killz, as well as a fantastic cast and crew (of a lot of locals),” said Cocozza, who directed the video. “I hope the music video captures the essence of why we live in San Diego.”

The crew, which also included drone cameramen Will Collins and Lenny Westfall, as well as casting and operations supervisor Lynnia Shanley, filmed over five days at multiple locations such as Sunset Cliffs, Cabrillo Point, Bonita Cove, Misson Bay, Pacific Beach, and Windansea Beach in La Jolla.

The video was directed by local photographer John Cocozza and shot and edited by Jon Killz, with a cast and crew of locals.

The video will be presented throughout the year by dozens of cultural groups. But this summer, something special is taking shape: 10 NTC resident artists and culture groups are collaborating to present joint promotion Summer Camps at NTC. Where KIDS Get Creative.

Presented by the nonprofit NTC Foundation, Summer Camps at NTC are ideal for families looking for creative experiences for their children, ages 4 to 17.

Camps feature music, dance, theater, creative writing, hands-on art making, photography and more—all in the historic heart of Liberty Station.

“This summer, kids can explore and discover new skills in San Diego’s growing Arts & Culture District,” said NTC Foundation Executive Director Alan Ziter. “We encourage parents to let their kids get creative with local artists this summer.”

At the NTC Arts & Culture District in Liberty Station, the former Naval Training Center, sailors once trained for military service. Now, a new generation of “recruits” gets its training in art, music, and dance.

A free NTC Summer Camp open house is set for Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. so that parents can learn about the camps, visit the art studios, meet instructors and explore the NTC campus.

Summer Camp participants will also display information about their offerings during the Open House at the Dick Laub NTC Command Center, 2640 Historic Decatur Road.

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America’s Schooner Cup gear up for an annual race

The America’s Schooner Cup Charity Regatta, established in 1988, is an annual event that takes place March 28 in San Diego Bay to benefit the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, a civilian organization that provides support to active duty and retired Navy, Marines and their families in time of need. One of the best places to view the event, which starts about 11:30 a.m., is from Shelter Island.

An informal Schooner Cup Ball will take place at the Silver Gate Yacht Club, located at 2091 Shelter Island Drive, on the evening of Friday, March 27. A dozen or more boats will come from as far north as Puget Sound. The event is hosted by Silver Gate Yacht Club and supported by Ensign International Yacht Brokerage.

The coveted Schooner Cup is awarded to the first to finish on corrected time regardless of boat length. This is the West Coast’s premier gathering of these historical schooners of all sizes. This year, people may be purchase tickets to be a passenger on the schoonersCalifornian or Bill of Rights as they race down the Bay.

The 145-foot schooner Californian is California’s official State Tall Ship. To be a passenger on this ship, be at the Maritime Museum’s dock downtown at 10:30 a.m. Passengers may assist in raising the sails. For tickets, visit sdmaritime.org/schooner-cup or call (619) 234-9331.

The Bill of Rights is a 136-foot replica of a 19th century coastal schooner. For tickets and information, squareup.com/market/south-bayfront-sailing-association or call (619) 500-2419.

As a passenger, you’ll cross the starting line and enjoy a one-of-a-kind race out the bay and back.

For more information on America’s Schooner Cup, visit americasschooner-cup.weebly.com/.
Liberty Station is San Diego’s new Arts & Cultural District located at the former Naval Training Center in the new Liberty Station neighborhood, near Downtown on San Diego Bay. With 28 acres and 15 of its 27 buildings complete, NTC is home to nearly 50 museums and galleries, artist studios, dance companies, educational groups, multidisciplinary arts, creative retail and other organizations that showcase San Diego’s creative community and provide innovative experiences for the public. The campus also features venues for indoor or outdoor events, festivals, seminars, retreats and meetings. For information and a schedule of classes and events, go to www.NTCLibertyStation.com or call 619 573-9260.

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San Diego pays the Chargers to play at Qualcomm

**By LIAM DILLON | VOICE of SAN DIEGO**

**Statement:** City currently receives about $2.5 million in rent annually from the Chargers, according to a city document provided to Mayor Kevin Faulconer’s Chargers stadium task force.

**Determination:** Misleading.

**Analysis:** In theory, the Chargers have to pay the city of San Diego rent each year to play at Qualcomm Stadium. In reality, it’s the city that pays the Chargers. Over the past seven years, the city has paid the Chargers a total of $1.3 million despite a lease agreement that requires the team to pay the city.

There are two reasons for this. The Chargers’ annual payment due to the city gets eaten away by a series of rent credits, which drastically reduces the team’s bill. Then the city pays the team each year as part of a settlement to a 2006 Americans with Disabilities Act lawsuit at Qualcomm. The result is that the city has owed the team money — an average of about $500,000 a year — after every season since 2007.

Let’s break down how this all works:

The Chargers receive an annual rent payment of $1 million plus more for home playoff games. (It was $2.5 million up until last year, which explains the statement in the city document given to the stadium task force.) But that number drops quickly when you factor in other details. The Chargers get to count lots of things toward their rent. The team’s property taxes, some parking revenues and the city’s suite at Qualcomm all decrease the rent payment. Most significantly, the team gets to count a percentage of all the beer, popcorn and other concessions sold at games toward its rent.

“They pretty much get all revenues during home games with small exceptions,” said Tracy McCraner, the city’s financial management director.

All these rent credits cut what the team owes to the city from $3 million to typically under $1 million every season. When you throw in the ADA settlement, which has averaged about $1.3 million a year the city comes out as the net loser.

The city did turn a $20,000 profit in 2006, and the 2014 numbers aren’t available yet.

The claim that the Chargers pay the city $2.5 million each year is misleading. Yes, there’s a rent payment in the team’s lease with the city. But when you factor in the team’s rent credits and the ADA settlement, the city owes the team money every year.

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**Sunset Cliffs Natural Park on Point Loma offers amazing views of the Pacific Ocean and, of course, sunsets in the evenings.**

Sunset Cliffs offers more than just ocean vistas

Sunset Cliffs Natural Park, a 68-acre resource-based park stretching one and a half miles along the Pacific Ocean shoreline on the western edge of Point Loma, is one of San Diego County’s wondrous sites and perhaps San Diego’s best-kept secret.

On the ocean side of Point Loma, the 18-acre linear park follows Sunset Cliffs Boulevard from Adair Street along the coastal bluffs past such landmarks as Cormorant Rock to Ladera Street. Along the way, there are several parking areas that allow for breathtaking ocean views, carved coastal bluffs, arches and sea caves.

Flocks of pelicans soar along the bluffs and California gray whales can often be seen during their annual migration to Baja California. The spectacular sunset views give the area its name. But, the park is more than just grand vistas.

Enter the main hillside park at the Ladera Street parking lot. This 50-acre section is a designated multiple-species conservation area. Just south of the lot, there is a two-acre native plant garden with more than 50 native plant species of cacti, succulents, shrubs and a number of Torrey pine trees that have been added since the restoration effort started in 2005. Sunset Cliffs resident David Kimball, a member of the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Council, leads the native plant garden project. Kimball organizes and supervises volunteers, including students from Point Loma Nazarene University, who assist in the planting and maintenance of the native garden.

Native habitat restoration is about to get a major boost as contracted work will soon begin on the Hillside Improvement Project, a California Conservancy grant project with matching funds from the city and a private donor. The project involves work on pedestrian trails, removal of incompatible elements and revegetating the site with selected plants. The two-acre native plant garden illustrates what the 50-acre Hillside Project expects to achieve.

At its peak in April, many of the early flowering plants are in bloom with others that will progressively bloom into the fall. Take a stroll to see their beauty as well as observe the many birds and other small animals that flourish in the natural habitat. To learn more, visit www.sunsetcliffs.info.

**Point Loma merchants hold Spring Celebration**

**By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON**

The Easter Bunny is known for his great white teeth.

See for yourself when the giant hare makes a personal appearance at the new practice of Dental Express at 4110 W. Point Loma Blvd. from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28.

It’s all part of a Spring Celebration kicking off the season being held jointly by Dental Express and other popular Point Loma merchants including Chick-fil-A, Embargo Grill and The Cravory. They will all be furnishing food and beverages during the special event.

At the event, guests will receive the opportunity for family and individual photos with the Easter Bunny, face painting, balloons and great door prizes, including a free toy train set giveaway.

“We are especially excited to open our first practice in the Point Loma community,” said Dental Express owner/founder Dr. Casey Ashmore, noting, “The warm welcome and positive response and reviews we have received from the community have confirmed our plans to open additional Dental Express locations in the San Diego area. We are happy to give back to the families in the community as we celebrate spring in sunny San Diego.”

Dental Express provides services to both adults and children. Ashmore hails from Oklahoma City and is now thrilled to call San Diego home with his wife and two children.

Ashmore’s Art Deco, train-themed dental practices focus on patient-centered care. The beautiful decor in the office is equally matched with a warm and inviting team of professionals that immediately make patients feel comfortable. Their approach to providing care is to make it easy for patients to be seen and provide affordable prices. They are the “one stop” shop for the entire family.

“We are looking forward to making routine dental care affordable and accessible to all people in San Diego,” said Ashmore.

The Dental Express Point Loma location is open six days a week, accepts most insurances and welcomes walk-in appointments.

To make an appointment, or for more information about Dental Express, visit www.thedentalexpress.com or call (619) 701-6622.

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**Easter Facts and Figures**

- Eggs have been seen as ancient symbol of fertility, while springtime is considered to bring new life and rebirth.
- Americans spend $1.9 billion on Easter candy. That’s the second biggest candy holiday.
- 76% of Americans think the ears of a chocolate bunny should be the first to be eaten.
- The first story of a rabbit (later named the “Easter Bunny”) hiding eggs in a garden was published in 1860.

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**Community**

Sunset Cliffs resident David Kimball organizes and supervises students from Point Loma Nazarene University as they volunteer at the park.
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Piecing together care for your older parent can sometimes be a puzzle. Hiring a private caregiver from your own search or asking friends and family to help are short-term solutions for a long-term issue. It can have adverse effects for everyone involved. Hiring a caregiver privately is probably going to be cheaper. Do you want to tell your Mom you hired the cheapest caregiver you could find to care for her in her “golden” years? And the cheapest could end up being costlier in the long run. Consider these possibilities:

- Your private caregiver calls in sick or takes a vacation or just doesn’t show up. Are you going to have to take off work or cancel appointments to fill in?
- Was a national background check done and verification of prior employment done?
- Is there a professional Geriatric Care Manager to supervise and mentor?
- Are you providing workers’ compensation insurance in case your caregiver falls or strains her back? This is extremely expensive but a required expense.
- Are you providing health insurance after the age of 65?
- Non-medical homecare services can assist with tasks that seniors may no longer be able to manage and prolong independence. Caregivers can help around the house with cleaning and home maintenance, assist with meal preparation, rides and even help with pet care. Paid companions provide comfort to seniors who are living alone after losing a spouse.
- Homecare can truly be a lifetime for seniors but few of us plan for the eventuality that we will need some help as we age. Many mistakenly believe that government programs will cover the cost of long-term care or in home assistance.
- Long term care insurance is one option and for those who have served in the military the VA Aid and Attendance Benefit covers home care and assisted living if the cost of care exceeds income. It’s important to start early to plan for your needs as you age - hope is not a strategy! Contact Seniors Helping Seniors for more information on home care services - 800-681-2488.

**Should I have my Wisdom Teeth Removed?**

You may have heard that you should have your wisdom teeth removed in your late teens or early twenties. These teeth removed in your late teens or early twenties. These teeth are “growing in,” there are other reasons for removal that you should be aware of.

- **Damage to other teeth.** These teeth could be pushing on your other teeth causing bite problems.
- **Jaw Damage.** Cysts are very common around wisdom teeth. These cysts can cause permanent bone or nerve damage to your jaw.
- **Sinus Issues.** Wisdom teeth problems are associated with sinus pain, pressure and congestion.
- **Inflamed Gums.** The soft issue in the area can become swollen and be difficult to keep clean.

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Six plays in 24 hours? No problem for Point Loma Playhouse

By Dave Schiavi | The Beacon

Point Loma Playhouse is pushing the envelope with 24 Experiment, wherein 24 actors and writers and a dozen directors collaborate to produce six plays in 24 hours to be performed before a live audience.

Producer Shelley Benoit discussed the process involved for the 24 Experiment event, which will be held Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18.

“At our kick-off meeting,” she said, “writers are given a genre — mystery, comedy, romance, anything — and they have to come up with a script that night. Then the directors show up and start casting actors, giving them their scripts about 9 a.m. The rehearsals start for the curtain (call) at 7 p.m., just 24 hours after the kick-off.”

Benoit said the unorthodox theater exercise’s purpose is to “give local artists, whether they’re writers, directors or actors, an opportunity to come together with their peers and to practice what it is they’ve learned how to do and what they want to do better.”

Despite the funky and challenging timing involved, the Playhouse producer said 24 Experiment is “lots of fun.”

“Even though this is a 24-hour thing and really tough, with actors who may or may not remember their lines, we usually get full audiences,” Benoit said.

Those who’ve participated directly in the 24 Experiment say it can’t be beat.

“Find that working within the 24-hour time limit to write a play is an adventure in itself because you never know where your creative mind will take you during the night after lots of coffee, sugar and silly prompts,” said Jennifer Fire, who participated as a writer last year.

“The next night, as you watch the actors read your lines, waiting for the audience to respond to your play is exhilarating, especially when they laugh when you hoped they would.”

“It’s like mad libs for adults: absolutely fun and hilarious,” said Shalinda Williams, a two-time participant, a writer and associate producer in 2014. “You don’t need any experience or skills to play play — just come and play with words or characters.”

“The 24 Experiment is a paradox,” said Samantha Goldstein, who’s participated twice, once as a director and once as an actor. “You’re tired, but you’re on a nonstop adrenaline high.”

“There is something so magical about seeing a play take shape and be performed in 24 hours: it’s very inspiring,” added Goldstein, noting, “It’s also really fun working and creating with strangers who quickly become friends. I can’t wait to do it again.”

Over the last three years, producer Benoit noted “the quality of the plays has improved” with 24 Experiment, pointing out those participating are now “a seasoned group of quality players who’ve improved.”

Point Loma Playhouse is a nonprofit run by an all-volunteer board. The playhouse puts on shows and workshops for actors and stand-up comedians, as well as participating in theater events around the city.

For more information about the playhouse, call (619) 225-0044 or visit www.pointlomaoctors.com.
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Decoder at Ocean Beach Historical Society

The Ocean Beach Historical Society presents Margaret Francis, who worked on the decoding machines as seen in the movie “The Imitation Game,” at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at Point Loma United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. This program is free. Francis, 91, is a World War II veteran of the WRENs (Women’s Royal Navy Service) in England. She worked on the decoding machines (the bombe). 10 miles from Bletchley Hall at Gayhurst Manor. Francis, who has lived in San Diego since 1957, will talk about her experiences bringing history to life. She is an excellent storyteller, remembering with vivid details some of her experiences.

Comedy night on March 20 at Portuguese Hall

The 12th annual Comedy Cavalcade, hosted by the Point Loma Rotary Club, will take place March 20 with three guest comedians. Hear and see Anita Mihorer, James P. Connelly and Aaron Hughes, plus Tony Calabrese as emcee. Doors open for a no-host bar at 7 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. Proceeds go to deserving organizations. Cost is a $25 contribution at pointlomarotary.org or from a Rotarian or at the door. Tickets: 4801 Santa Monica Ave. For information, call (619) 531-1531.

Miss Cabrillo pageant

The Miss Cabrillo Festival pageant will take place on Sunday, March 29, at the UPISES Hall in Point Loma.

‘Freedom Train’ at Westminster Theatre

Vanguard will present “Freedom Train” by Marvin Gordon at Westminster Theatre, 3598 Talbot St., Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 20 to 22 and 27 to 29.

“Freedom Train” tells the story of Harriet Tubman, the Moses of her people, in a fascinating series of highly theatrical scenes that use dance, dialogue, and music of the period.

Songs include “Follow the Drinking Gourd,” “Steal Away,” “Blest in the Trenches,” “Good News, the Chariot’s A-coming,” and many others.

Tubman was born a slave, but when she was 25 she made her perilous escape from a Maryland plantation, leaving her family behind. Pursued by dogs and relentless slave catchers, she followed an escape route laid out by Quakers – secret hiding places in churches, barns, cellars and homes.

The escape route that Harriet followed soon became known as the Underground Railroad, and she quickly became one of its most celebrated “conductors.”

“Freedom Train” is presented by special arrangement with MTI, New York. Tickets: Vanguardsd.org or (619) 224-6263.

Show-times are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

Pointers Spring Arts & Craft Faire at PLHS on March 28

Local crafters and artists are being sought for the third annual Pointers Spring Arts & Craft Faire.

The event takes place on the campus of Point Loma High School March 28 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The festival raises much-needed funds for Protect Our Pointers (POP), a crucial program that provides certified athletic trainers at all Pointer athletic events.

Trainers are necessary both in the prevention and treatment of injuries and POP is operated under the auspices of the PLHS Pointer Association.

Applications for vendors are available from Eleanor Snyder at protectourpointers@gmail.com. The cost of $50 gives vendors a 10 by 10 foot space to display their wares.

All items sold will be handcrafted and include such items as soaps, wooden items, jewelry, art objects, ceramics and accessories for women and children. Also, a handful of vendors will be offering PLHS-related items.

Ocean Beach Street Fair vendor applications

Applications are available for merchandise and food vendors for the OB Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off Festival at www.OceanBeachSanDiego.com or at 1868 Bacon St., Suite A. All OBMA members are eligible for a 20 percent discount off the listed booth space fee. Band submissions are being accepted through April 1 either electronically to info@oceanbeachsandiego.com or at 1868 Bacon St.