Sunday Sunset Cleanup Crew

Group meets weekly to pick up litter left on streets and alleys

By THOMAS MELVILLE | THE BEACON

Standing behind a table covered with bags, work gloves and trash grabber sticks at the end of Niagara Avenue and the beginning of the pier, Sarah Windy gestures over her left shoulder toward the beach. “We’ll start there in the pier parking lot and move down Newport to Bacon and then the alleys. Ready? Let’s go.”

Windy picks up her five-gallon bucket and starts walking down the pier with her 13-year-old son Brian Hollingshed. The other 15 or so volunteers are still meandering around until they spot her and start to follow.

Sarah Windy and her son Brian Hollingshed lead a group of volunteers down the pier on Sunday, April 12.

Ocean Beach natives and the recently arrived, are filling their buckets with bottles, bags and butts – lots and lots of cigarette butts – lots and lots of cigarette butts. Tiffany Two, whom Voorhees bought years later, strongly resembles Tiffany One, whom Voorhees bought years later, and the equivalent

Coming soon, six cinemas at Liberty Station

Luce Auditorium at NCT to be a theater complex

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

The curtain is rising at the historic Luce Auditorium in Liberty Station as a new deal has been signed to develop an intimate six-unit theater complex there.

Terms of a lease agreement were not disclosed by La Jolla-based Backlot Hospitality, run by Adolfo Fastlicht, and NTC Foundation, the nonprofit that oversees the arts and cultural district spanning 26 buildings on 28 acres within the former Naval Training Center.

Officials said Backlot Hospitality plans to open a new venue called TheLOT/Liberty Station, making use of the 20,000-square-foot auditorium that originally opened in 1941.

Renovations will begin this month and the venue is set to open in late autumn, with offerings geared to special events, art, film and food.

The venue will include six cinemas with seating for 50 to 100 people, with a new outdoor covered lounge for dining and socializing overlooking the historic

World’s oldest cat purr-fectly content in Point Loma

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Retired Point Loma attorney Sharron Voorhees, 73, has owned two tortoiseshell cats named Tiffany.

Tiffany One died of cancer after less than a year of ownership. Tiffany Two, whom Voorhees bought years later and named after Tiffany One (whom she strongly resembles), just turned 27 this March 13. That makes Tiffany Two the world’s oldest living cat, the equivalent

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The 14th annual Point Loma Garden Walk homes and gardens tour, presented by Dana Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary, will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25. The Garden Boutique will have items by local artisans and garden vendors; proceeds benefit Rady’s craniofacial services.

The exclusive Diamond Tour includes a luncheon and tour of a historic California Mediterranean home. Garden Walk tickets are $25, with diamond tickets at $150. Information and tickets are available at pointlomagardenwalk.com or at local nurseries in Point Loma.

Plants and garden art take the spotlight on this year’s tour; unique gardens are the result, according to Pam Caldwell, who organizes the annual event. Gardeners’ decisions were based on: terrain, an interest in horticulture, plantings to showcase garden treasures, a search for unusual drought tolerant plants while creating comfortable and satisfying outdoor spaces to fit individual lifestyles.

“Anyone looking for something special for their home garden will find it on this year’s walk,” Caldwell said. The Dana Unit receives local support from the Point Loma Optimists, Point Loma Rotary, Girl Scouts and the Point Loma Artists Association plus businesses that advertise in the map/brochure. Baron’s Marketplace and Stumps provide complimentary water.

“The Point Loma Garden Walk, San Diego’s most beautiful way to support Rady Children’s Hospital,” Caldwell said.

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**14th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk homes tour set for April 25**

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Marijuana dispensary to open in Midway

By DAVE SCHNAB | The Beacon

The Point Loma Patients Cooperative at 3452 Hancock St. in the Midway area is the first legal medical marijuana dispensary approved for District 2.

The San Diego Planning Commission voted 4-2 recently to give final approval to the Patients Cooperative, allowing it to become the fourth such business the city has authorized.

In 2014, the City Council passed an ordinance allowing medical marijuana dispensaries, but requiring them to be at least 1,000 feet from each other. The first dispensary approved by the city has already opened in Otay Mesa.

The candidate will demonstrate skill in marketing and promotional events and programs to support businesses throughout the community and manage ongoing programs and online sales of merchandise. He or she will have a background in digital marketing to aid in promoting programs through the OBMA website and social media.

Meanwhile, OBMA invites inquiries into Camarena’s replacement. Job requirements include a working knowledge of Microsoft’s software suite and other email list programs; knowledge of Photoshop, CorelDraw and/or InDesign is a plus. The ideal candidate must also be a proficient writer, be able to lift 40 pounds, be able to work on evening or weekend events, be a proficient record-keeper and have a valid driver license and insurance.

To apply for the creative director position, send a resume to info@oceanbeachsandiego.com. The subject line must read, “Marketing and Special Projects Position.”

The candidate will demonstrate skill in marketing and promotional events and programs to support businesses throughout the community and manage ongoing programs and online sales of merchandise. He or she will have a background in digital marketing to aid in promoting programs through the OBMA website and social media.

Two others approved in San Ysidro and Kearny Mesa are expected to open later this spring.

The approval for Point Loma Patients Cooperative effectively kills the chances of at least four other nearby proposed dispensaries. A maximum of four dispensaries are allowed in each of the city’s nine council districts. Some council districts, however, do not have zoning for additional dispensaries.

Contacted by The Beacon, Patients Cooperative spokesman Abhay Schweitzer deferred to Bartell & Associates, consultants representing their dispensary.

Adrian Kwiatkowski of Bartell & Associates said the building the medical marijuana cooperative is moving into on Hancock Street “will undergo interior and exterior tenant improvements taking a few months to complete.”

Kwiatkowski said plans are for the new cooperative to open in June, pending an occupancy permit from the city.

Concerning lease restrictions and security for the new dispensary, the city’s nine council districts will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. He added two state-licensed professional security officers will be required onsite. Security will also include internal and external security cameras.

“Eight on-site parking spaces are required including accessible parking,” Kwiatkowski said adding, “There will also be an electric car charging station. There are also two on-street parking spaces directly in front of the location.”

The consultant said the Hancock site was chosen by the medical marijuana cooperative because of its “central location near the Sports Arena with convenient access from I-5 and I-8.”

Kwiatkowski also pointed out that the new Midway cooperative will be “the first LEED-certified medical marijuana dispensary in the United States. We are installing energy-efficient lighting, windows, solar panels, clean air HVAC and water-saving plumbing fixtures (good timing with the drought).”

Man’s throat slashed in OB

A 32-year-old Hispanic male suspect was involved in an argument with three males on the boardwalk at Abbott Street and Newport Avenue on April 4. During the argument, one of the males slashed the victim across the right side of his neck. The victim and suspect fled the scene.

The victim was the Shell gas station on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard and Voltaire Street. The victim sustained a 4-inch cut to the right side of his neck, missing the carotid artery. The victim was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The victim was uncooperative and refused to give information. A possible suspect is a white male with dark jeans. San Diego Police Western Division detectives are investigating.

Man stabbed in OB

Fifteen transients were gathered at 5000 Newport Ave. on Saturday, April 11. A group of males left a bar and were walking past the group that was gathered. One of the males from the bar made comments about them getting jobs. An argument started between the groups.

A 20-year-old Hispanic male suspect stabbed a 31-year-old male victim in the left cheek and stabbed a 29-year-old male victim in the right upper torso. The victim was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The suspect fled the scene and a short time later was taken into custody. The knife was recovered. San Diego Police Western Division detectives are investigating.

Carjacker crashes in Spanish Landing

A 28-year-old female victim was carjacked by a 27-year-old male on Sunday, April 12. The suspect got into the victim’s vehicle at 700 Broadway Ave. He forced her to drive away.

At some point the suspect became the driver and the victim a passenger. The victim escaped and called in the carjacking.

The police located the suspect and vehicle a short time after. They pursued the vehicle from Spanish Landing to the Sport Fishing Landing at 1400 Scott St. The suspect crashed the vehicle into two light posts, ran from the vehicle and jumped into the bay to evade officers. He was taken into custody shortly after. There were no injuries, and robbery detectives are investigating.
Part pharmacy, part gift shop and all local

Point Loma Shelter Island Drug holds its history well

**In Dave Schiavi | The Beacon**

If you want to know something about Point Loma Shelter Island Drug, check out the recently remodeled store’s floors. “Look at the concrete; you see the different patterns?” asked drug store co-owner Michael Saad, who, along with wife Andrea, operates the pharmacy at 1105 Rosecrans St. and a sister site, Pt. Loma Cabrillo Drug, at 953 Catania Blvd. “As (the store) has been renovated, (the floor) has changed.”

The business has been there “more than a century; the records don’t go beyond that,” Michael Saad said.

“There’s where the first pharmacy was, up to the pillar,” he said, pointing down. “From there, we expanded into this second section before expanding (next door) into the (Harbor Town) pub.” So it’s like the history is in the concrete in the floor. The whole idea (of rehabilitating) was to just bring the history out of the concrete and create a new look.

Saad noted the pharmacy now has “a better flow” and is more open and inviting throughout offering parking in the back, as always.

Part pharmacy, part gift shop and all local, Point Loma Shelter Island Drug is continuing its winning way of serving the Peninsula community, as it has for a century plus.

“Our big thing,” Saad said, “is personnel, friendly service. Not many stores are like this. You don’t get that from the chains.”

Painting out they “know most of our customers by name,” Saad said he takes care of his customers, whether they need special packaging or services or have special needs. “We do free deliveries in the area,” said.

Regarding his remodel, begun after Mother’s Day last year and completed in November, Saad said, “We used to have the multi-purpose pharmacy in that back corner with gifts and books. We decided we needed more space for the pharmacy, because that’s 70 percent of the business.” So the Saads “changed it up,” bringing the pharmacy front and shifting gifts and other items around.

“It was a challenge,” admitted Saad, noting he “increased the home care division,” bringing in lift chairs, wheelchairs and walkers. He also brought in lots of unique gift items, “not the regular kinds of gifts you find everywhere.”

Saad also introduced new lines of greeting cards. He also kept a section for medical shoes for people suffering from neuropathy or diabetes.

“These are shoes with special insoles and support to prevent blisters and are especially good for people who are on their feet a lot,” Saad said.

Saad and his family are native South Africans and moved their clan to San Diego at the end of the 1980s. But they bought him out, and we’ve been going strong,” Saad said.

“We caught him (Volta) at the right time,” Saad said. “We made him an offer, bought him out, and we’ve been going ever since.”

Historic photos of the Volta pharmacy during the Peninsula’s former days still hang on the walls of Point Loma Shelter Island Drug, reminding folks of the way things were.

Saad said coming to the United States was a big transition, but he added that his family had owned a similar neighborhood pharmacy in South Africa.

“We know everything is location, and we liked this location; it’s a community,” Saad said as customers, friends with one another, stood a few feet away sharing conversation while waiting to pick up prescriptions.

Point Loma Shelter Island Drug offers customers other amenities, like free cups of Starbucks and wi-fi.

“We want people to come in and relax,” said Saad. “That’s the kind of atmosphere we’re trying to create.”

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**Point Loma Shelter Island Drug now has a better flow after its recent remodel. PHOTO BY DAVE SCHIAVI**

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**PL/OB COMMUNITY Yard Sale Day May 2nd announces Aloha Theme for 2015**

It’s that time of year again for longtime Point Loma Realtor Bob Woodard’s Big PL Community Yard Sale day. The event encompasses all of 92106 and 92107.

“We’ve decided to have some fun this year with an Aloha theme, a $100 gift certificate to Fiddlers Green is going to the events best dressed sales team in Island Style said Woodard. Details for the contest are on our website. We encourage sellers to open from 7AM-Noon, leaving their afternoons free.”

Co-hosting the event again this year will be Point Loma Mortgage Specialist Lisa Calabotta of Shelter Island Capital. The event has grown to feature around 100 sales each year!

“We market the sales throughout the county and it brings thousands of buyers from far and wide and we provide sellers with free signs and a marketing package. Sellers clear out unwanted items and turn them into cash having a sale at their own home. Most noticeable last year was that we had lots of neighbors join forces and have multi household and block sales.”

For details or to Sign up go to the web-site www.BIGPLSALE.com or call our office at (619) 227-LIST. Maps will be available for buyers on line and the day of the event from 6:30 AM to 9AM, at office located at 9290 Canon St. 92106 just across the street from the post office.

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**Announcing the 22nd Annual Peninsula Beacon AMATEUR Photo Contest**

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Photos taken over the past year (June 14–June 15) may be entered!

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Entries may be dropped off at:
- The Beacon Offices 1621 Grand Ave.
- 2nd Floor, Pacific Beach (Above Wendy’s Restaurant) or Mailed to: The Beacon ATTN: Photo Contest, 1621 Grand Ave., Ste C San Diego, CA 92109
Women-owned boutiques ‘pop up’ at The Wine Pub

Girls Day Out also collects clothes for women, children

It’s true: girls just wanna have fun. They also want to shop, drink wine and give back to the community while supporting some of the area’s best women-owned businesses. On Saturday, April 25, from 4 to 7 p.m., Point Loma’s favorite homegrown restaurant, The Wine Pub, hosts a Girls Day Out Sip-N-Shop on its outdoor patio as an opportunity to do all of the above.

Three women-owned boutiques will set up mini-storefronts at the restaurant for an evening of the community’s best shopping and wine pairing. Like The Wine Pub, each business is an Ocean Beach/Point Loma-area operation.

In addition to the shopping and sipping opportunities, guests are encouraged to bring gently used women’s and children’s clothing donations to benefit Father Joe’s Villages, San Diego’s largest homeless services provider. Serving almost 15,000 homeless and working poor San Diegans in 2014, Father Joe’s provides clothing for its clients to wear to job interviews, school and other formal obligations. The Wine Pub will offer a one-cent glass of wine to guests who bring in clothing donations.

“To us,” said Wine Pub owner Sandy Hanshaw, “community means more than good business at The Wine Pub. It means good business at the shops surrounding us and being good to our neighbors in need. When the community is successful, we are successful.”

Shoppers will have the chance to browse some of the neighborhood’s favorite boutiques at once, including Alice Alfreda, a high-end resale clothing boutique; Teeter, a modern, handcrafted home and lifestyle boutique; and Rare Bloom, a boutique for unique gifts, clothing and jewelry.

No tickets are required for Girls Day Out Sip-N-Shop. For more information on this event and The Wine Pub, located at 2907 Shelter Island Drive, visit thewinepubsd.com.

Flea by the Sea, Vignettes’ annual summer sale, set

Expect fun under the sun at Flea by the Sea. Vignettes antiques’ annual summer event and French flea market that combines spring cleaning and the kickoff of summer into one amazing day at the beach, on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The shop, located at 4828 Newport Ave., will hold major sales on that date, with significant mark-downs and special merchandise brought in just for the day.

“We’re clearing out to prepare for summer,” said owner Sarah Chandler said, “and we feature vendors on the front sidewalk and under tents at a French flea market in our back parking lot.”

From farm tables, architectural elements and industrial to everything for summer entertaining, including garden and patio décor, this is the day for vintage goods at competitive prices.

‘We are very lucky that my father built a foundation that is un-crackable.’

JOEY GIACALONE

THE VENETIAN RESTAURANT

Where: 3802 Voltaire St.
Hours: Open for lunch Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner every day from 4 to 9 p.m.

Vince Giacalone, founder of The Venetian, is flanked by sons Frank (left) and Joey, celebrate 50 years in Point Loma.

Few family-owned restaurants in San Diego can claim they’ve been around since before man walked on the moon. The Venetian Restaurant in Point Loma is among them, opening four years prior, in 1965, when the kitchen served plates of spaghetti for 85 cents and baked bread for $1.25.

Fifty years later, founder Vince Giacalone still drops in regularly to dine with his wife Carmella, usually after 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. Since retiring, he’s passed the torch to his sons Joey and Frank, who have ushered the restaurant into the 21st century with new dishes, a full redesign and brisk delivery service.

The longstanding recipes for pizza dough and red sauces, however, haven’t changed.

“There are my father’s, the untouched recipes,” says Joey, adding that dishes such as chicken cacciatore and veal Parmesan have also remained firmly planted on the menu for the past five decades.

The Venetian was originally located at 2910 Canon St. before moving in 1973 to its current location at 3663 Voltaire St., where it continued blossoming as a destination Italian restaurant. Through the years, both dining rooms have seen the likes of singers Frankie Laine and Barry White as well as famed author Joseph Wambaugh and players from the San Diego Chargers.

“More so,” says Joey. “We’ve witnessed so many families come in with their kids over the past decades, and now those children are calling us up saying they’d like to have their wedding rehearsal dinners at the restaurant.”

Vince, a first-generation American of Sicilian parents, served as an Army cook in the Korean War and first tried his hands at opening a bakery in San Diego.

“But he was miserable,” says Joey. “I wasn’t for him.”

The Venetian proved a much better fit, allowing him to develop dishes from his family background while continuing to cook them until Joey and Frank were old enough to work the kitchen and bring some of their own recipes into the mix.

Among the most recent additions to the menu are Mediterranean scallops bathed in butter, olive oil, basil, tomatoes and lemon juice. Topped with bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese, the scallops are sourced fresh from Pacific shellfish and appear in several other dishes.

Another top seller is the brothers’ version of shrimp puttanesca tossed with olives, garlic and chilli flakes and served over linguini. Equally memorable is the chicken piccata constructed with a perfec- tely flamed lemon, butter and white wine that comes together in the pan upon order.

Our red sauces are the only things we keep in steam tables,” says Joey, adding that the kitchen goes through up to 10 gallons on Friday nights.

The menu extends to numerous pasta dishes such as baked cannelloni and lasagna using housemade pasta, plus...
Will Fuller, a 20-year advertising and business development veteran, has been named director of sales at San Diego Community Newspaper Group. Will and his sales team are responsible for the strategic planning and execution of local print and digital advertising programs for La Jolla Village News, Beach & Bay Press and the Peninsula Beacon.

Will has an eye for detail, an approachable, winning personality and a fierce determination to help his clients get the results they desire. “My goal,” he said, “is to help build connections between readers and advertisers in key retail establishments – real estate, recruitment and automotive categories. I am working with my team to optimize our clients’ return on investment.”

Fuller noted that earlier this year, La Jolla Village News was selected as the official media partner of the La Jolla Village Merchants Association.

“I look forward to working closely with Sheila Fortune, executive director of the La Jolla Merchants Association,” Fuller said.

“My goal is to help communicate to our advertising clients the benefits of the LJMA. We’re all in this together. Servicing clients is my highest priority. I understand time and budgetary constraints. Managing a business is no easy task. I do not rush the decision-making process. It is important to me to make it a stress-free experience, with the goal of discovering the most efficient and cost-effective way to increase return on investment and business exposure.”

Before joining San Diego Community Newspaper Group, Fuller served as co-founder and business development director at Hubba Hut Holdings, Inc., an affiliation of synergistic and related companies designed to improve the quality of life and increase awareness of vital services for seniors.

Prior to that, he served as director of business development at So Cal Marketing Group, a full-service marketing company offering multi-media online, video and television production advertising services with a focus on entertainment, tourism and hospitality organizations.

During a 15-year tenure with ADVO / Valassis Inc., Fuller was charged with selling targeted services such as direct mail and email campaigns throughout Southwestern California, conducting sales consultations with new and established clients. Fuller helped ADVO / Valassis become a leader in marketing multi-media print and online advertising solutions.

Will, his wife Susie and his son Lex make their home in La Jolla. Will enjoys ocean activities, swimming and playing the harmonica. Will is also involved in several charities in and around the San Diego area, including the American Cancer Society and the YMCA.
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With summertime approaching, a common request at Dental Express appointments is to make a recommendation about teeth whitening options. According to an American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry survey:

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Acknowledging Alzheimer’s

I hate to say it, but I think many people would prefer to bury their head in the sand like an ostrich, than to accept that something very significant in their life has changed. Let’s face it, sometimes that’s just easier!

When it comes to accepting you, or a family member is suffering from Alzheimer’s disease however, the ‘ostrich routine’ will simply not cut it. The short answer is simply that the sooner it is recognized, and accepted, the sooner steps can be taken to make life a bit easier for all involved.

So, as a starting point, have a frank discussion with your family doctor. Yes you can troll through the internet and self-diagnose for everything under the sun, but really leave the assessment to a medical professional.

There are numerous guides, articles and organizations to assist in coping with someone who has Alzheimer’s but, the denial by one or more family member is oftentimes the biggest obstacle to getting the right help.

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LomaPalooza in July to celebrate 15 years of community concerts

Point Loma Summer Concerts announces LomaPalooza, a community concert commemorating 15 years of summer concerts at Point Loma Park. The event will feature hometown bands and musical groups and will take place right in the middle of the Point Loma Summer Concerts season on Saturday, July 25.

The concerts committee is currently accepting applications from musical groups who live, work or attend schools in Point Loma and Ocean Beach. “We thought it would be nice to give back to the community and allow the many local bands and groups a chance to perform,” said Martha Phillips, chair of Point Loma Summer Concerts.

To apply to LomaPalooza, e-mail johnny@sandiegokidsexpo.com. For more information about the 2015 Point Loma Summer Concerts, go to www.plconcerts.org.

The inaugural season of the Point Loma Summer Concerts began in 2001 with performances by The Westwind Brass, Glen Fisher and the GoManGo Invasion Orchestra, The U.S. Navy Band Southwest, The Peter Sprague Samba and The Surf Kings.

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Luce Court between Rosecrans Street and Truxtun Road.

The 1,800-seat Luce Auditorium, located on the west side of Truxtun Road north of Dewey Road, presents some challenges to redevelopment given its configuration. The auditorium has no lobby space, too-deep wall-to-wall seating, a stage that’s too small and too high, marginal acoustics and out-of-date restrooms.

“Luce Auditorium has been one of the most challenging projects for us because of the renovation costs and complexities of the expansive space,” noted Alan Ziter, executive director of the NTC Foundation.

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“This promises to further enliven the NTC Arts and Culture District in profound ways.”

Ziter said it’s hoped the new theater complex will encourage new visitors to explore the many nearby museums, art galleries, restaurants and studios throughout our vibrant creative campus. This is not only a new benefit to the NTC Arts and Culture District but all of Liberty Station and the entire Point Loma community,” said Ziter.

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“The LOT/Point Loma is not just a cookie-cutter cinema,” said Fastlicht. “We’re launching a new concept and a new experience in a perfect location that will become a community hub.”

Fastlicht has a similar project, Boffo Cinemas, under construction in the Village of La Jolla, anticipated to open by the end of summer.

Boffo signed a 20-year lease to transform the retail space at 7611 Fay Ave. from a high-end market into a premium multiplex theater.

Fastlicht has said Boffo will offer “reserved seating, online reservations and an augmented menu including items like sushi, paninis, wraps, sliders, salads and pizza.”

Luce Auditorium, the former seat of classroom instruction for thousands of Navy recruits at the former Naval Training Center, has hosted a few weekend movies and shows headlining wartime luminaries like Bob Hope and Nat “King” Cole.

The former Navy base opened in 1916 and was decommissioned and handed over to the city in 1997, with groundbreaking for new development taking place in 2001. NTC Foundation was established in 2000 by the city of San Diego to oversee culture-oriented renovations and programming in a portion of the former Navy training base closed by the military in 1997.

The foundation has completed work on 16 of the 26 buildings within the cultural district, which is now home to nearly 80 museums, galleries, artist studios and related creative and educational spaces.

Other portions of Liberty Station have been master-planned by local developer Corky McMillin Cos., which has brought in several office, retail and other commercial and education-related tenants. McMillin has also overseen residential and hotel developments in portions of the former Navy base property, which spans more than 500 acres.
Kite Festival a tradition that spans generations in OB

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

The 67th installment of Ocean Beach Kiwanis’ Kite Festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, the day before Mother’s Day, at Dusty Rhodes Park between Nimitz and Sunset Cliffs boulevards.

“It is the oldest kite festival in the country that is especially for children and was begun in 1948 by the Kiwanis Club of OB, and it’s been running continuously ever since,” said Melanie Nickel, who, along with husband Jim, helps promote the annual event.

“The kite festival is an amazing tradition that’s free fun for the whole family,” said OB Kiwanian John McCarthy about the homegrown event. “It’s easy to see why people who came as children are bringing their children — and even their grandchildren.”

One of the first kite fest participants, in fact, was Jim Nickel.

“My husband was in the very first kite festival as a very young child,” said Melanie Nickel. “Our grandkids are now attending.”

Nickel noted that children are taught the basics, how to make a kite and how to fly them, at the free festival.

“We have other things for them to do — games, food, a craft fair — at the festival,” said Melanie Nickel. “The last couple years we’ve added professional kite flyers to give instruction.”

Nickel said fun, kite-related activities on May 9 will include a kite ballet and kite games, including having a kite dropping candy, much like a pinata, as well as a catch-the-tail-on-the-kite game, which she added is “a lot harder than it seems.”

The event, which will also feature food trucks, is fun for the whole family and is now into its third generation of participants, added Nickel. She urged participants to park at Robb Field and take a free shuttle over to the event at Dusty Rhodes Park.

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Malashock Dance dedicates Liberty Station studio

Puryear named new managing director

Malashock Dance recently renamed its studio in honor of Abbe Wolfsheimer’s longstanding legacy of passionate support for dance by officially naming the space The Abbe Wolfsheimer Studio.

The announcement of the dedication came at a private celebration on Friday, March 13, at Malashock Dance’s Liberty Station location. Public recognition and a celebration of Wolfsheimer’s life and love of dance was highlighted.

The organization received a $100,000 gift from David Stutz, Wolfsheimer’s husband, in January 2015. “The studio is our most distinguished asset,” said John Malashock, founder of Malashock Dance. “It provides us the capacity to serve the community through a myriad of artistic and educational activities. Because of the studio’s quality and beauty, it has become one of the most notable spaces to take class, rehearse or attend informal performances in San Diego.”

The gift allows Malashock Dance to continue its residency as a tenant in the Dance Place San Diego building while assuring physical upkeep and studio improvements can continue to be made.

Specifically, the studio also facilitates the activities of the dance school, including classes for all ages and abilities, field trips and outreach programs, professional-level master classes and workshops. The school serves approximately 400 students annually.

In a related matter, longtime Malashock Dance staff member Molly Puryear has been named the company’s managing director.

Puryear was instrumental in the founding and development of the school in 2007, and as education director from 2009 to 2014, she was responsible for all aspects of development, facilitation, marketing, employment, partnerships, curriculum development, grant writing and administration for educational programs.

She has aligned specific synergies between the artistic and educational pillars to create a connection to the relationship between Malashock Dance’s programs, the community it serves and its funders.

Superheroes to unite at Valley View Casino for an epic battle

The stunt show Marvel Universe LIVE!, including superheroes Spider-Man and The Avengers (Iron Man, Black Widow, Hulk and more) plus menacing villains in an action-packed extravaganza, will play seven performances at the Valley View Casino Center, 5300 Sports Arena Blvd., Thursday through Sunday, April 16 through 19.

The story brings more than 25 Marvel icons together on one quest: The Cosmic Cube, the source of ultimate power and one of the most feared and coveted treasures in the Marvel Universe, has been shattered into pieces by the Mighty Thor in order to prevent it from falling into the wrong hands. With the pieces scattered across the globe, Thor’s villainous brother Loki devises a scheme to clone its powers, inciting a threat that could not only decimate earth but also obliterate the universe.

Shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. April 16 and April 17; 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 18; and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. April 19.

Ticket prices range from $20 to $75. Children age 2 to 12 get in for $15. All seats are reserved. Tickets are available at AXS.com.
There might be some debate about what the “biggest” band in San Diego is, but when it comes to most traveled, biggest audiences and most countries played, it’s Ocean Beach-based group Liquid Blue, hands down.

The band has released several of their own recordings, scoring hits in places as far off as China, but for their latest single they have chosen a cover song, and a rather unlikely one at that.

“Song of Seven,” originally by Jon Anderson, former frontman for the group Yes, was first released in 1980. Full of cascading vocals, symphonic passages and folk-inspired rock passages, the song sounds not unlike his former band’s best material. The Liquid Blue version is the key track of their latest album, “Cosmic Covers,” featuring the band performing a wide range of covers such as Madonna’s “Ray of Light” and Jefferson Airplane’s “White Rabbit.”

“Song of Seven” is certainly a catchy song in places, but it’s definitely a breed apart from the more general pop nature of the other tunes. Its inclusion comes from Liquid Blue frontman Scott Stephens’ love of the group Yes.

Recorded at Liquid Blue’s studio in the legendary Ocean Beach Hippie House, according to Stephens, “the song is something I have always felt was one of the greatest pieces that he has ever done and it was under-appreciated.” He realizes the song is a left-field choice. “For us it was a song where I thought, if we never did anything else except this piece of music, we achieved something with it,” he continued. “It’s an emotional piece that really takes you on a musical ride. It definitely takes a bit of patience to listen to, but I just thought this was a masterpiece, we had to try it. We put a lot of emphasis into the song to get it right, and it took some time.”

He points out that it was important to recast the song, at least a little. “First of all, we’re starting out with a really well-written piece both musically and lyrically, so you start out with something great already. There’s no real use in doing a cover unless you’re going to do something somewhat different and try in some ways to top the original.” He found working the instrumentation to be easier going than the vocal arrangements. “Jon’s voice is so magical I thought it would be difficult to shine vocally like he did, so I thought we could up the production, maybe do a little more than he did musically.”

The song’s intricacy and length would make it an unlikely song choice for any such show. “We will probably never play that song live, unless it catches on and somebody was to request it or if Jon was to get up on stage and ask to do it with us, but other than that, I don’t think we would ever do it.”

That possibility is not as remote as it might sound. Liquid Blue reached out to Anderson via email, and to their surprise, he agreed to listen to their recording and offered advice on the project. “We exchanged emails for a while,” Stephens said. “He wanted to hear a mix of it and gave us some notes on the mix as well as some nice comments.”

For his part, Stephens is not overly concerned with the song’s commercial potential. He’s merely happy to have his version of an all-time favorite song available on his latest album. “Whatever happens, happens,” he said good-naturedly. “It’s not really something that would catch on at all (under normal circumstances), so we’ve really got to find the right niche. The piece is too complex for the general public. Most Yes music doesn’t hit home with people, let alone an obscure Jon Anderson piece,” he laughed.

To listen to the whole song, check out sdnews.com and click into the story on Liquid Blue - the song is available as an mp3. Visit www.liquid-blue.com to hear songs, see photos and find more information on the band.

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The eclectic Liquid Blue from Ocean Beach has put out a new LP called ‘Cosmic Covers’ The new LP’s cover art is shown at left.
Day at the Docks April 19
The Port of San Diego’s Day at the Docks, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 19, is a free waterfront festival for the whole family. Celebrating the official start of San Diego’s spring saltwater sportfishing season, the fleet of 70 sportfishing boats will provide the colorful backdrop to the day’s events on San Diego Bay.

Day at the Docks will feature an open house aboard fleet vessels, boat rides around the bay, casting contests, prizes, displays of fishing tackle, boats, apparel and art. There are fishing seminars, cooking demonstrations, marine retailers, a stocked fishing area for children, a hands-on marine art contest for kids, music, food and live entertainment.

There is free parking on Shelter Island, with frequent shuttles to and from the festival. Information including seminar speaker schedules is available at sportfishing.org.

Birdie takes wing at PLHS
A ‘60s rock singer travels to a small Ohio town to make his farewell television performance and kiss his biggest fan before he is drafted — and he does it all from the Point Loma High School stage as the Point Loma High Theatre Company presents “Bye-Bye Birdie” from Thursday, April 16 through Saturday, April 25.

The show, at the school’s Larry Zeiger Performing Arts Center, features Jaelle Mayo as central figure Conway Twitty and Catherine Civile as love-starved Kim McAfee. Drama teacher Christina Fulcher directs, with choreography by Spencer-Powell and music direction by Michael Sokol.

Curtain is at 6:30 p.m. each evening. A pay-what-you-can performance is set for 9 p.m. Thursday, April 23. Tickets from the school’s financial office are $10 for students and military and $12 for adults; prices at the door are $11 and $14.

San Diego artist’s monumental metal sculptures ‘pop up’ at Liberty Station
San Diego artist Robert Michael Jones, whose works just seem to pop up wherever he wants, has installed three of his monumental sculptures in the middle of the NTC Arts & Culture District, the creative hub of Liberty Station in Point Loma. Jones loves showing work in public spaces, and displaying his art in a historic Navy setting is not new to the artist. Last year, he completed his first large public commission and fabricated and installed a series of large stainless steel panels depicting scenes of World War II Navy yard workers. The sculptures are displayed on a historic wall at the Washington, D.C. Navy yards and serve to commemorate the workers.

At the former Naval Training Center, the three sculptures are located in the North Promenade outside barracks 14 next to the Stone Brewery. Jones will also have a ‘pop-up’ show in an open studio in barracks 15.

In his work, figures emerge from a tangled mass of steel, wire and concrete. One of Robert Michael Jones’ sculptures at Liberty Station. Photos by Tom Bringello

The epic scale of the work, combined with Jones’ electric stylistic style, bring these figures to us from within, becoming a character in a modern mythology.

Abstract artist to sparkle at NTC’s Friday Night Liberty
San Diego abstract and figurative artist Michael Richard Rosenblatt will host a gallery reception with fan music on May 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the upcoming Friday Night Liberty at Liberty Station’s NTC Arts & Culture District.

Called “Lightning Bolts, Fireworks & Shooting Stars,” the show unveils Rosenblatt’s new PopUp Gallery, featuring his paintings and enthusiasm for art, sports and the community. The show continues through May 3 at NTC’s barracks 15, studio 212, at 2750 Historic Decatur Road.

An avid supporter of the Padres and a Chargers superfan, Rosenblatt is serious about sports and art. He has gathered more than 6,000 signatures to an online petition to keep the Chargers in San Diego. He has ventured into other current events, including politics, through his art. His work ranges from landscapes to abstractions, from public art to museum installations and from wine labels to save animals to art to save the Chargers.

He recently completed a bench for display as part of the Balboa Park Centennial (see it at artbench.org).

Fiesta De Reyes To Host Sixth-Annual Folklorico Competition In Old Town
Dancers from throughout Southern California and some as far away as Sacramento will meet and compete during the sixth-annual Fiesta de Reyes Folklorico Competition at 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 characteristics. Children, teens-agers and adults will compete in three categories for the competition title and cash prizes. Renowned judges from Mexico include Humberto Caballero, Jorge Luis Munoz Montesinos, and Cecilio Cordero. Dancing 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 at Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. Children and adult performances alternate throughout the day, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 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 entire historic Old Town area into the largest Cinco de Mayo celebration north of the border. This 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 5 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.

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butts. In fact, it all goes back to butts. One Sunday in January, Windy parked her car on Newport Avenue and noticed a cigarette butt, and then another, and more, and then other pieces of litter. Soon she had a plastic bag filled with trash, and she hadn’t ventured more than 10 feet from her car.

“We’re always complaining about things that we don’t like so I thought it was important to not just complain but to take action,” she said. Inspired “to make a difference and do something positive for our community, which I love so much,” Windy started the weekly Sunday Sunset Cleanup events started in February and have been growing ever since.

“I felt that this was something that I could do, and, by being out there as a group, maybe show visitors that it’s not OK to litter,” Windy said.

The group meets at 6:15 p.m. (or usually one hour before sunset) on Sundays at the end of Niagara Avenue, where buckets, gloves, and grabbers will be available. From there, Windy usually has a plan of where they will concentrate their efforts. One week they went down the cliffs to Santa Cruz beach, on Easter Sunday they took on the San Diego River estuary, but it’s most often in the areas that receive the most visitors.

“Oh Easter people were leaving messages on the group’s Facebook page (BW: Sunday Sunset Cleanup) saying they were in town and wanted to help out,” Windy said. “We ended up filling a pickup truck with garbage collected from around the river.”

Last Sunday the crew got down and dirty in the pier parking lot, Newport Avenue and several alleys on the way to Bacon Street. Near the pier, a man in a Padres jersey, who was using a selfie stick, noticed the commotion and asked what was happening. After learning about the cleanup, he put down the selfie stick, put on some gloves and decided to join the crew.

“It really makes me happy when different people come out and take the time out of their day to put some effort toward making Ocean Beach a better community for all of us,” Windy said. “The great thing is, it’s just a little effort from each person, and the result is huge.”

Volunteers Robert Cusworth and Adra Miller pick up litter in the pier parking lot in Ocean Beach on Sunday, April 12.

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