City Council OKs OB Community Plan update 9-0

By TONY DE GARATE | THE BEACON

Making the firmest possible statement in support of promoting the community’s small-scale character, the San Diego City Council on July 29 approved a long-sought document designed to guide and regulate growth in Ocean Beach for the next 20 years — and guard against exceptions that allow bulkier, out-of-scale housing.

The surprising 9-0 vote to approve a replacement to the outdated 1975 Ocean Beach Community Plan — the oldest planning document in the city — capped an, at times, agonizing process that began in 2002.

After years of public meetings, consultant reports, studies and feedback, the only issue remaining that caused citizens to choose up sides was a staff recommendation to include tough-talking language designed to discourage variances to Ocean Beach’s unusually strict land development code.

What makes Ocean Beach’s code so restrictive is known as the .7 FAR rule, which limits the square footage of nearly all residential housing west of Sunset Cliffs Boulevard to 70 percent of lot size, or floor-area ratio, and further requires 25 percent of that amount to be set aside for enclosed space or adequate seating or collection space to serve the beach community’s growing needs.

“Several years ago, before the recession, beautiful architectural plans were drawn up, and preliminary land-use agreements were explored for a proposed 15,000-square-foot library addition,” said Judy Collier, president of the Ocean Beach Friends of the Library (OBFL).

Collier said nothing happened until a committee from the OBFL met recently with Mayor Kevin Faulconer...
Airport shares update on Lindbergh’s north-side redevelopment progress

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

The Midway Community Planning Group (MCPG) was recently brought up to speed by officials from the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA) on Lindbergh Field’s north-side redevelopment.

Ted Anasis, manager of airport planning at SDCRAA, apprised community planners on the ongoing redevelopment.

The plans include the recent completion of construction on a receiving-and-distribution center, as well as a new, rental-car facility housing all providers under one roof. Plans also call for a new fixed-base hangar operator complex and roadway projects to improve access to the north side of the airport. A roadway linking rental-car and parking shuttle buses to ease traffic from Laurel Street and North Harbor Drive is also in the works.

“The centerpiece of the north-side development is a four-level rental-car facility housing all of the rental companies that are currently peppered along Pacific Highway Corridor today,” Anasis said, adding the new rental center, scheduled to open on Jan. 20, 2016, will dramatically reduce the number of shuttle buses circulating around the airport. Anasis said the rental-car center will have a central customer service building.

“All rental cars will be required to be located in the facility picking up and dropping off passengers at one location,” he said, adding the center will have covered areas to protect customers from sun and inclement weather. The rental-car center will also be state of the art, employing high-quality passenger check-in kiosks. Anasis said buses will arrive every five minutes to transport travelers.

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Jolla. The video that Scripps made of this anchovy “aggregation” went viral (www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvxIdkhso9I) with more than 4 million hits and counting. Scripps scientists estimated the school had more than a billion fish in it. A week later, the large schools appeared off Ocean Beach and Sunset Cliffs, easily spotted from shore by the presence of large numbers of diving birds and dolphins.

David Checkley, Scripps Institute of Oceanography biological oceanographer, said this is something they have not seen in years. He and his colleagues are hesitant to point to a definitive explanation. They do have a number of clues, however. Scientists know that anchovy and sardine populations do have a cyclical nature that is tied to changes in water temperature. What scientists call the “Pacific Decadal Oscillation” (PDO) is a type of long-term El Nino that causes ocean temperature changes over decades, as opposed to El Nino/La Nina’s short-term effects. As Nino that causes ocean temperature increases, PDO seems to have a cycle that takes about 50 to 75 years to complete. Checkley points to the PDO as a possible causation for the increase in anchovy schools. He also notes that because anchovies prefer cooler water, they do sometimes aggregate near shore after winds have blown up colder water from the deep, a process known as “upwelling.” This could also figure into it.

These huge conglomerations of fish are often referred to as “bait balls” by fishermen, and word is out that the fishing is firing. It is hard to find a spot along the pier with everyone from Imperial Beach to Los Angeles trying to catch a little piece of the action. Most people are not after the actual anchovies but the larger fish that feed on the anchovies. These anchovies, known as the northern anchovy (Engraulis mordax), do not grow much more than 25 centimeters, but the fish that eat them grow much larger. Large numbers of predatory bonita and mackerel are being caught off the Ocean Beach Pier. For a few lucky fishermen, there are some elusive yellowtail, dorado, and barracuda to be caught. Some fishermen, however, are content to simply catch the small anchovy, claiming that fried and eaten whole, it is a delicacy.

Scientists say we might see this phenomenon again for many more years to come. Then again, we might not. The mysteries of the sea are just that — mysteries. If you want to appreciate one of these enigmas firsthand, head out to the beach and look for all the birds the point to the spot where billions of small anchovies are struggling to stay alive in our wild and beautiful backyard — the Pacific Ocean.

— Jorge Valcarcel is a local freelance journalist who contributes to the San Diego Community Newspaper Group.

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could be largely symbolic since the pro-

wage-hike advocates on the City Council
have cast the same vote twice and could
overrule Faulconer’s veto with their
majority vote.

The new ordinance would also require
employers to provide five paid sick
days a year. Council has voted to
direct staff to begin confering with the
city’s labor unions as to the methods
under which the wage would be raised.

City Council President Todd Gloria,
who spearheaded the push for the min-
imum-wage increase, characterized it as
“a reasonable compromise.” Gloria had
originally proposed that the wage be
$13.09 an hour.

Gloria warned possible opponents of
the wage hike that “there may be better
ways that they can spend their time and
money than opposing a pay increase to
their employees...or by telling everyone
you want your employees to work while
they are sick.”

The vote on the minimum-wage hike
went along party lines, 6-3, with Demo-
crats voting in favor and Republi-
cans voting against. Republican Mayor
Kevin Faulconer and the San Diego
Chamber of Commerce, led by recent
past Republican Mayor Jerry Sanders,
have opposed the wage increase.

“I feel the deal we reached on mini-
num wage was a fair compromise,” con-
cluded District 2 Councilman Ed Harris.

LIBRARY CONTINUES FROM Page 1

to discuss the library expansion.

“Apparently, any expansion would be
a public-private partnership, and we would
need to secure the private funding before
the public funds would be made avail-
able,” said Collier. “The Ocean Beach
Friends organization is continuing to
work on this project, and we hope that
substantial progress will be made by the
2016 Centennial Celebration of
the founding of the Ocean Beach Library.”

Matt Beatty, head librarian for the
Ocean Beach Branch Library, discussed
his “wish list” for an expanded facility.

“What we’re looking for in a new
branch is expanded electric capacity to
allow the addition of air conditioning and
additional public computers, an
expanded separate children’s area, an
enlarged book-sales area and a meeting
room for both library and public use,”
said Beatty. “The current facility lacks
air conditioning, any meeting room, the
public has very limited technical
access. It is also too small to offer space
for more than a couple of people wanting
to study.”

Maureen Roebber, recent past OBFL
president, said tangible progress is being
made on planning for the OB library
expansion.

“The library project is the top priority
on the Ocean Beach public facilities
financing plan that is a part of the draft
Ocean Beach Community Plan coming
to the City Council [July 29],” said Roeb-
ber.

Another OBFL member, Laura Denni-
sen, said that the city-owned, two-story
office building next door to the library
between it and the post office is part of
the proposed expansion.

“It is my firm belief that the Planning
Commission got it very wrong. So we
need to right that today,” Harris said.

“We're still in preliminary steps,” she
did. “We've got a little petition drive
growing with more than 100 signatures
out there that people want to have our library
expanded.”

Regarding fundraising for the planned
facility, Roebber said, “Hopefully, we can
find a way to do this public-private part-
nership.”

Roebber said the OBFL would like to get
the OB library expansion on the city’s
capital improvements program list. The
OBFL has gotten a grant from the OB
Town Council for the project, as well as
having received support for the project
from the Ocean Beach Community
Development Corporation, Roebber said.

“Our goal is to have a firm commit-
ment to get the project started by the
100th anniversary of the OB branch in
2016,” Roebber said. “Not that we think it
could be done by 2016, but we would at
least like to get the wheels in motion by
the anniversary.”

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parking, Except in Point Loma, the same
zoning throughout the rest of San Diego
allows 2:10 percent of FAR.

What was expected to be a Battle
Royale ended up being a no-contest.
After listening to just over an hour of
public testimony — more than 80 citi-
zens asked to address the council,
though most ended their time to other
speakers — councilmembers deliberated
for just 15 minutes before approving the
plan and its anti-variance language.

In unanimously adopting the city’s
staff’s recommendation, councilmem-
ers rejected language more patheti-
fic to variance-seekers that had been
proposed unanimously two months earlier by the San Diego Planning Commission.

District 2 City Councilmember Ed
Harris praised members of the Ocean
Beach Planning Board’s Update Com-
mittee, city planning staff and the City
Attorney’s Office that worked on the
anti-variance language that the Plan-
ning Commission later rejected.

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After the vote, a sea of Ocean Beach
citizens wearing blue T-shirts with the
message “Keep the OBcean attitude”
stood and applauded lustily, savoring the
occasion for nearly 30 seconds.

The council was clearly influenced by
the full-court-press effort of the plan
proponents, who had gathered more than
5,500 signatures in favor of the anti-
variance language. Proponents also did
a better job of getting their side to the
meeting. In terms of citizens who signed
up to speak, they outnumbered oppo-
nents by a 5-to-1 ratio.

Gretchen Kinney Newsom, president
of the Ocean Beach Town Council,
underscored the point when she listed
and described the eight community
groups that had gone on record in sup-
port; the Planning Board, Town Council,
Ocean Beach MainStreet Association,
Ocean Beach Historical Society, Friends
of the OB Library, Ocean Beach Com-
munity Foundation, Ocean Beach Com-
munity Development Corporation and
Ocean Beach Women’s Club.

“We are not a special-interest group.
We are Ocean Beach,” she said.

The plan won’t be legally binding until
approved by the California Coastal Com-
mision at a future date. At least one
opponent said delays could result from
lawsuits and charged the plan denied the
rights of property owners.

David Stebbins, a resident of a three-story
house in the 5100 block of West Point
Loma Boulevard, a block that used to be
dominated by a string of one-story, con-
crete duplexes built in the 1900s. Steb-
bins was one of the first property own-
ers in the block to use the variance
process to build a new house alleviating the
entire, 7 FAR for living space and
dropping the garage requirement, substitut-
ing a carport instead.

Stebbins responded to criticism that
the newer, three-story houses on the block
obstruct ocean views and looked out of
place.

(People think) somehow Ocean
Beach is going to be Mission Beach.
I don’t want it to be like Mission Beach.
But I have property rights,” he said.

Stebbins referenced the community
plan in Barrio Logan, which was over-
turned in a citywide vote after City
Council approval, and suggested a simi-
lar fate awaits the Ocean Beach plan.

“Whenever a community plan pur-
ports to change ownership rights, you’ve
got legal problems... This is going to get
tied up like Barrio Logan. And we don’t
want that,” he said.

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Point Loma Nazarene now a contender in the NCAA

The day has arrived for Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) to proudly declare itself an active member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

PLNU cleared the final step of the NCAA’s Management Council approval process and will officially join the NCAA on Sept. 1 as a full-fledged Division II member.

“I am so impressed and proud of the high quality, collaborative work done by several individuals and departments on our campus in achieving this significant milestone,” said PLNU athletic director Ethan Hamilton. “PLNU is truly a special place and the NCAA made regular mention of this. I am very excited for the future experiences of our student-athletes and look forward to continued opportunities to help them grow in every facet of their life.”

All 11 Point Loma athletic teams are now eligible for the postseason in both NCAA Division II and PacWest Conference and the NCAA, as well as all NCAA individual and team awards.

“The three-year transition process has strengthened our athletic program and prepared us for full participation in NCAA Div. II,” said PLNU president Bob Brower. “Completing the full admission process to NCAA is an exciting step for PLNU athletics. The PacWest Conference is a leading NCAA Div. II conference and I’m looking forward to PLNU’s full participation at the NCAA level.”

The Sea Lions have had the 2014-15 season in their sights since the beginning of the transition process. Despite not having the opportunity to participate in the NCAA playoffs, PLNU thrived across multiple sports at the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) championships. Eight teams participated in NCCAA postseason play, and both the men’s basketball and women’s volleyball teams brought home national titles. Point Loma student-athletes also collected 23 All-American honors and 31 NCCAA scholar-athlete awards.

The 2014-15 season will also mark the third year for PLNU as members of the Pacific West Conference, the largest NCAA Division II conference in the West Region. The Sea Lions saw a 44-game turnaround in their team’s PacWest records from year one to year two as they posted a .570 winning percentage in 2011-14 (111-99). Point Loma also improved from ninth to sixth (of 13 schools) in the PacWest Commissioner’s Cup standings, and its student-athletes accumulated a 3.3 grade-point average during the academic year. Point Loma will be part of an eight-school conference that will bring the NCAA Division II 300 active members. PLNU was joined by fellow Nazarene universities Southern and Trevecca, along with longtime Golden State Athletic Conference rival Amana Pacific.

12th annual Young Anglers’ Tourney readies for a reel good time for fishers

Young anglers ages 6 through 15 are invited to compete in the free 12th annual Young Anglers’ Tournament at the Shelter Island Pier, located at 1776 Shelter Island Drive.

The annual fishing competition is set for Saturday, Aug. 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The saltwater event is sponsored by the San Diego Sportfishing Council, the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) and the Unified Port District of San Diego.

The tournament will feature a points system to allow for catch and release. Winners — one in each age category between 6 and 15 — will be determined by adding up points for various fish caught.

The angler with the most points overall will be recognized on the tournament’s perpetual trophy.

IGFA representatives and volunteers from the United Pier and Shore Anglers Club, San Diego Rod & Reel and the San Diego Anglers will be on hand to assist young anglers and to tally points.

Young anglers participating in the competition are encouraged to bring their own gear, although a limited number of loaner rods will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Small quantities of bait will also be provided each angler while supplies last.

Registration for the tournament begins at 7:30 a.m. Fishing begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at noon.

Prizes are awarded by 1 p.m. Hot dogs, chips and sodas will be served to all registered anglers. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Stump’s Village Market of Rancho Santa Fe and Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County.

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Turner unafraid to take his show on the road

By BART MENDEZ | The Beacon

The world of music may have gotten technologically more advanced over the years, but at its core, nothing will ever replace the need to rehearse and tour. The latter is crucial to an artist’s success. But the rising expense of touring — not to mention the general lack of creature comforts while on tour — can be a major hindrance.

These days, you have to be more determined than ever to take your show on the road to make it happen. Odds are, a performer won’t break even. The trade-off being the opportunity to take music to a new and, hopefully, welcoming audience. All these reasons mean most performers rarely leave the county line. Touring while on tour — can be a major hindrance.

“I love to play gigs locally, but it’s nice to try something different,” said Casey Turner, a singer-songwriter who first arrived in San Diego from Florida around 2002.

Turner has established an impressive local circuit of gigs that sees him performing at numerous area venues over the next month, including the “Move to Improve Challenge” at the Cabrillo National Monument and the Catamaran Resort (both on Aug. 9) and Point Loma restaurant Las Olas (both on Aug. 9).

He has also established a circuit of gigs that takes him to Hawaii several times a year. He’s had success there, but the logistics of touring can be difficult, it’s clear that the travel and the search for new adventures is still extremely appealing to Turner.

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Casey Turner, whose set lists encompass reggae and easy rock, is finding success locally and abroad. He has been influenced by his gigs in Hawaii several times a year.

“For my style of music, not so much. There are a lot of reggae bands to be sure, but there are a few outlets playing my type of music. I’m kind of in between reggae and easy rock.”

He said he feels the local music scene has been very supportive — to a point.

“In certain genres, I think the indie scene is really supported in San Diego,” he said. “But for my style of music, not so much. There are a lot of places to play or the pay scale is high. It’s actually a little less than the mainland.”

He said the logistics of touring Hawaii are different, too.

“If your gig is on a different island, you can’t just drive there,” he said. “You have to cargo your gear.”

Turner is currently wrapping up his recording of a new album, “Same Day, Different Island.”

“The title comes from my most recent Hawaiian tour,” Turner said. “I had to ship my gear to a gig on a different island and was asked when I needed it to arrive, so I told them that I needed it that same day. So when I got to Maui and picked up my box of stuff, it was stamped ‘Same Day’ all over. I looked up and the palms were blowing and it was a nice sunny, beautiful day. So it was ‘Same Day, Different Island.’”

Now an established San Diego performer, Turner said he is very pleased with his move here.

“It was an awesome move,” he said. “I lived in Florida for over 10 years, and there is just a lot more going on here. I’m into surfing, so it fits my lifestyle, and there is so much going on with music.”

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SD Gymnastics in Liberty Station

Kids do not spend as much time playing outside anymore and fewer teens are consistently playing multiple sports. They are spending too much time on the couch or in front of a computer, or one sport requires too much of a time commitment to be involved in much else. Throwing a baseball, swinging a racquet, or continually jumping or running for hours a day, week after week is difficult on the muscles, tendons and bones. This is creating an environment for repetitive stress injuries.

Repetitive stress injuries (RSIs) are injuries that happen when too much stress is placed on a part of the body, resulting in inflammation, muscle strain, or tissue damage. This stress generally occurs from repeating the same movements over and over again. In teens, overuse injuries most often occur at growth plates (ends of bones where bone cells multiply rapidly, making bones longer as someone grows). Areas most affected by RSIs are elbows, shoulders, knees, and heels.

If your child is complaining of pain, tingling, weakness or popping sounds when doing a certain activity, it may be time to take a closer look. Putting limits on repetitive actions, encouraging multiple sports and varying daily activities can greatly reduce RSIs.

Participating in a structured gymnastics program is a great way to help ensure well rounded strength, flexibility and conditioning. Dividing your time between multiple events throughout the week, with an emphasis on safety and technique, can create a healthy and happy body.

-Christina Grady  San Diego Gymnastics
Hodad’s in OB savors success of 45 years – and counting

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

Hodad’s and its fabled hamburger is as original and unconventional as its owner/operator, Michael “Bossman” Hardin.

“Part of our success is that people see how genuine it is,” said Hardin, who has his nickname tattooed on his knuckles and personally backs the claim of his Ocean Beach restaurant at 5010 Newport Ave. as having the “world’s best burger.”

Hodad said the Hodad’s burger is second to none, not only because it’s one of the biggest, but also because his eatery makes them the “right way.”

“Do not ever squeeze the hamburger patty (containing all the flavorful juices),” Hardin warns his employees. “Most people put the patty on the bottom and all the fixings on top. That’s upside down,” contended the restaurateur. “The way to do it is to put everything [fixings] on the bottom with the last thing being the shredded lettuce, and then you let all the juices from the burger go down through the lettuce to flavor everything.”

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Byron and Virginia, who purchased the property with the intention of building a restaurant, had already purchased the building and built the restaurant itself.

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“There’s the type that starts out ready-made, spruced up, just the way it’s going to be from the very first day. Those are the restaurants that are only going to deteriorate from there,” he said.

“Then there are restaurants that start off slowly and build themselves up to what they’re going to be. That’s our style.”

Hardin is a big backer of the military and has been taking Hodad’s show on the road every year to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and other ports of call worldwide to treat the rank-and-file to a home grown meal.

“I’ll be 12 years old when it turns 100,” he said.

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On vacation with the Peninsula Beacon

It's vacation time! Peninsula Beacon readers are heading out of town and taking their favorite hometown paper with them! Take us with you to whatever corner of the world you may be visiting and share your trip with other readers. Tell us your name and/or the names of your family members in the photo and give us a brief description of where the shot was taken. Email the photo and the information to beacon@sndnews.com. It's that easy! Photos are published based on space constraints and in the order in which they are submitted.

At right, Chris, Carmen, Jenna and Jason Manneino take their Peninsula Beacon for a romantic glimpse of the iconic Eiffel Tower in Paris.

Tod Howarth, a Point Loma resident, touring/recording artist and Midway Planning Board member, takes his favorite hometown newspaper to Finland in front of the Natural History Museum in Helsinki.

The Stetz family of Point Loma recently captured this shot in front of the gorgeous Grand Tetons in Wyoming during a stop at Park Point. The family took their favorite hometown newspaper on a road trip through Sacramento, Lake Tahoe, Salt Lake City, Yellowstone National Park, Jackson, Park City and Las Vegas. At right is Hugo Stetz, a junior at Point Loma High School and Camila Stetz, a soon-to-be student at Dana Middle School.

John Nelson of Ocean Beach and Teresa Ocampo of Cebu City take their Beacon to the far north of the Philippines in the town of Pagudpud. The beach is named Saud Beach.

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Enjoy the Beauty of Old Town

STAGECOACH DAYS: CELEBRATING THE WILD WEST IN SAN DIEGO

-FREE Event Every Saturday in July and August in Old Town - SAN DIEGO - Old Town San Diego State Historic Park is celebrating travel and transportation in the era of real horsepower during “Stagecoach Days” kicking off on July 5. Come join in the old-fashioned fun from the mid-1800s from noon to 5 p.m. on eight Saturdays in July and August.

Sponsored by Fiesta de Reyes, the free event features a different theme each Saturday such as: Days of the Vaquero, Women of the West, Soldiers and Citizens, TwainFest and Taste of the Past. Attendees will enjoy afternoons filled with activities that reflect life in early San Diego and celebrate the West on the move. Through living history activities and demonstrations, stories and songs, visitors will gain an appreciation for early modes of transportation and daily life. All activities are geared toward children and adults of all ages.

“This year’s Stagecoach Days will be the best in our park’s history,” stated Event Coordinator Greg Giacopuzzi. “We have added many more family-friendly activities to the event this year so visitors will get a true taste of what Old Town was like in the 1800s.”

The Stagecoach Days schedule is as follows:

August 2 - “Taste of the Past” - What we eat, how we acquire it, who prepares it how it is prepared are part of our cultural make up. This day will explore what was part of the dining experiences for people in early San Diego. While you learn about the foods of the past you will be able to sample modern tastes that evoke that time provided by the food purveyors in the park.

August 9 – “Days of the Vaquero” – Vaqueros were the first cowboys in California. Highly skilled horsemen and cattle herdsmen, they were an integral part of the early cattle trade in California. The day will celebrate their natural horsemanship techniques and other aspects of Californio culture.

August 16 – “TwainFest” – This wildly popular festival celebrates literature and the literary works of Mark Twain and other 19th-century authors. Excerpts from famous works will be presented by costumed San Diego actors at a variety of park venues throughout the day.

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, with the support of the Boosters of Old Town and donation from Fiesta de Reyes, is proud to offer these free activities for adults and children of all ages. The park is located on San Diego Avenue and Doris Street in San Diego, and is conveniently located next to the Old Town Transit Center, with Coaster, Trolley, and MTS bus service. Free parking is available at the Caltrans headquarters, just two blocks from the park at 4050 Taylor St.

For more information, go to www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego or call (619) 220-5422.

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Sunday Brunch Live with Julio De La Huerta
11:00am

AUGUST 10 (SUN.)
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Ringling Bros. Circus returns with ‘LEGENDS’ extravaganza

Circus officials say children of all ages will believe in the unbelievable with the all-new Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey spectacular “LEGENDS,” coming to the Valley View Casino Center (formerly the San Diego Sports Arena) from Thursday, Aug. 7 to Sunday, Aug. 10, highlighted by family-friendly prices with all seats only $20 each, plus kids’ tickets at $10 each.

The iconic Ringling Bros. stars meet fabled mythological creatures at the place where legends live — “The Greatest Show on Earth.” Experience family fun as amazing circus athletes perform awe-inspiring feats of daring, spectacles of strength and thrills of wonder in a celebration of the “LEGENDS” that have captured imaginations for centuries.

Ringmaster Johnathan Lee Iverson guides Paulo the Legend Seeker on his quest to discover real, living circus legends from around the world, along the way encountering the fantastical Pegasus, a unicorn and the remarkable Woolly the Mammoth.

Featuring more than 100 performers spanning 25 countries, plus more than 85 animals from nearly every continent around the world, the Ringling Bros. 144th edition features several unique acts, including:

• China’s National Acrobat Troupe from Beijing performing several impressive acts, including balancing 20 people on two bicycles, fast-paced hoop diving and graceful Diabolo juggling skills;

• Introducing the Double Trapeze, especially designed for Ringling Bros., with the attempt of four consecutive triple somersaults in a row;

• Additional circus legends highlighted in the show are big-cat trainer Alexander Lacey; edge-of-your-seat Cosack Riders equestrian stunts; Globe of Steel motorcycle daredevils; Clown Alley and treasured performing pachyderms.

Debuting this year for the ultimate circus fan, check out the exclusive and intimate fan experience within the Ringmaster Zone. Access to this VIP area is only available to select ticket holders and offers guests an unprecedented look “behind the curtain” of “The Greatest Show On Earth.” Fans have the opportunity to walk the Ringling Red Carpet, meet ringmaster Iverson and the stars of the show, step inside the Globe of Steel, take photos on the Ringmaster’s float and have an up-close elephant encounter.

Be sure to arrive early to experience several exciting interactive elements before the show starts, included with the ticket price — visit the Animal Open House to get up close with animal stars and the All Access Pre-Show where families can step onto the arena floor to meet our performers, learn circus skills, try on costumes and much more.

Show dates are:
• Thursday, Aug. 7 — 7 p.m.
• Friday, Aug. 8 — 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
• Saturday, Aug. 9 — 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
• Sunday, Aug. 10 — 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The circus takes place at the Valley View Casino Center, 1500 Sports Arena Blvd. Premium-level pricing is $45 (VIP) and $110 (Ringmaster Zone). Tickets are available through AXS.com. Charge by phone at (888) 9AXS-TIX, or visit the Valley View Casino Center Box Office.

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Shooting victim, a PLHS alumn, continues stunning recovery

By SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

During our waking every day hour, most of us routinely do what William Barton is doing. He’s walking.

Barton, a 2010 Point Loma High alumnus, was shot three times at close range with a 45-caliber handgun while walking home from his job as a bartender on Oct. 14, 2012. Emergency room neurologists graded him as having less than a 1 percent survival chance, but Barton believed he was going to wake up the wee hours of that fateful morning.

But Barton simply refused to die. Neurologist Vílmarian U. Arana Jr. summed it up as the belief that “the will of God” was working through Barton.

“I wash myself a little bit in the show-brush my teeth, put my deodorant on, go wash my hands,” Barton jokes. “I think it’s something different.”

He revealed he is now able, in a very limited way, to grasp a paint brush, utilizing a right hand doctors once said he would never use again.

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Peninsula-area events, Aug. 1 to Aug. 16

AUG. 1-2
Visionary Dance Theatre will present “Travelogue: An Evening of Dance with Jeanne Travers and Dancers” from 8 to 10 p.m. both days at the Performing Arts Center at Point Loma High School, located at 2335 Chatsworth Blvd. Tickets are $13 advanced sale or $18 at the door. For more information or to register, visit www.visionary-dance-theatre.org/Gallery/-2014_-VDT_FallDance-Concert, or call (619) 756-8112.

SATURDAY, AUG. 9
The San Diego Sportfishing Council, the International Game Fish Association and the Port of San Diego will host the 12th annual Young Anglers Fishing Tournament for young fishers. The free tournament will be held at the Shelter Island Pier from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, visit www.sportfishing.org.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 13
The Sharp Senior Resource Center can help you learn tips to improve communication skills with memory-impaired adults. Identify techniques to cope with challenging behaviors from Holly Pobst, a community education manager with the Alzheimer’s Association, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Point Loma Family YMCA, 4390 Vidaeta St. Registration required. Call (800) 827-4277 or register online at www.sharp.com.

THURSDAY, Aug. 21
The Sharp Senior Resource Center is offering help for those experiencing intermittent or chronic low-back pain or stiffness because of osteoarthritis or other reasons. Sharp rehabilitation outpatient orthopedics therapists will discuss self-treatment strategies that may help ease or prevent low-back pain. The discussion will include instruction on proper posture and body mechanics, techniques to use heat or ice. The session takes place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, located at 3701 Voltaire St. Registration required. Call (800) 827-4277 or register online at www.sharp.com.

FRIDAY, Aug. 1
The next installment of Friday Night Liberty is set to pay tribute to a galaxy far far away and will feature traditional Mexican performances, as well as hosting the Vixen Pop Up Event of the year. FX Dojo pays a creative tribute to Star Wars with a group exhibition of 70-plus artists who pay homage to the science fiction opera that defines a genre; happening at Barracks 17. Vixen presents a pop-up fashion, art, music collaborative at the North End (2835 Perry Road), and visitors can see free dance performances by Baja’s most talented artists from 6 to 8 p.m. at Barracks 17 Plaza. Friday Night Liberty is a monthly free night of open studios, galleries and performances. For more information and a full listing of happenings, visit www.ntclibertystation.com/what.php.

Through Aug. 3
Flat Seven Productions presents the San Diego premiere of Charlie Jirkovsky’s rocker musical comedy “Sheila,” a production that began July 18 and runs through Aug. 3 at The Ocean Beach Playhouse, located at 4944 Newport Ave. The production contains adult language and situations and is not suggested for children, according to producers. Shows take place Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are $20 for general admission; students and seniors are $18. To purchase tickets, visit sheila.bpt.me.