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Flowers are in bloom at Sunset Cliffs and all over the Peninsula. To celebrate all these yellows, purples and pinks, there are events the next two weekends for residents to explore and enjoy all the flora. On Saturday, April 1, Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Committee will hold an open house from 9 to 11 a.m. On Saturday, April 8, San Diego Horticultural Society will hold its garden tour on Point Loma. See page 5 for more on the events.

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The event is held against the backdrop of San Diego's sportfishing fleet located in Point Loma at Harbor Drive and Scott Street. The San Diego fleet is unique in many ways — it is the largest assembled sportfishing found fleet anywhere in the world. The boats in the San Diego fleet are some of the most sophisticated, with capabilities of operating trips to some of the world's most productive and prolific fish-filled waters off Southern California and the coast of Mexico.

The festival offers novice and experienced anglers, families with kids of all ages and members of the general public. The day provides the opportunity to discover new adventures, explore the latest in fishing tackle and techniques, walk aboard and tour boats in the fleet, talk with the captains and crews, take a ride on a boat and partake in the many activities planned for the day.

The festival highlights include:

- **Open house aboard boats in the fleet welcoming one and all.**
- **Fishing and boating "how-to" seminars presented by an all-star lineup of captains and fishing experts;**
- **Exhibits by more than 200 fishing tackle and boat manufacturers and community groups;**
- **Marine art, clothing and accessories;**
- **Cooking demos by local chefs;**
- **Fish fillet demonstrations;**
- **Live music and entertainment;**
- **Contests and prizes for casting and knot tying;**
- **Free fishing areas for kids;**
- **A captains' dunk tank;**
- **Drawings for thousands of dollars in prizes;**
- **Boat rides around San Diego Bay;**
- **$5 per person.**

Packing is at a premium around the Landings but free parking is available on Shelter Island and a free round trip shuttle service to and from the festival is offered from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For information on Day at The Docks, visit www.sportfishing.org.

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**Battle of San Diego Bay at Naval Base Point Loma**

House of Spain, Casa De Espana will host the Battle of San Diego Bay 214th anniversary celebration through the courtesy of the U.S. Naval Base Point Loma, at the end of Rosecrans Street, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22.

This event commemorates the only Pacific Coast, ship-to-shore battle between an American ship, the Lelia Byrd, and Spain’s Fort Guijarros, located on the Naval Base Point Loma.

The ceremony begins at noon with a flag raising ceremony, accompanied by Spain and U.S. national anthems. Following the ceremony there will be a Spanish dance performance by Dona Juanita Franco, and her Classical Dance Academy Ole Flamenco.

The fiesta will include a variety of historical, cultural and maritime displays; historical costumes; children’s craft activities, bounce house, and food and beverage services including paella, tapas, desserts, beer, wine and sangria.

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**Easter Sunrise Service at Cabrillo on April 16**

Easter is April 16 this year and the gates to Cabrillo National Monument will open at 6 a.m. with the non-denominational service beginning at 6:30 a.m. There is seating for approximately 700 attendees and the public is encouraged to arrive early.

The Kiwanis Club of Point Loma will again present an ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at the Cabrillo National Monument. The services will be held in the lower parking lot, giving those who attend a great view of San Diego Harbor and the city behind it.

Club president Matt Lemas points out that this year’s services will mark the 68th consecutive year that the Kiwanis Club of Point Loma has provided this community service for the people of San Diego.

The speakers this year are Capt. Howard Warner, commanding officer, Naval Base Point Loma, Lonnie Folsom, Kiwanis Division 21, and Matt Lemas, president Point Loma Kiwanis Club.
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San Diego fire chief counters lifeguards’ claims about emergency calls

San Diego Fire Chief Brian Fennessy refuted allegations by the lifeguards’ union that a recent change to how water-related emergency calls are handled slows down lifeguard response times in order to save public safety. Flanked by San Diego Fire-Rescue officials and San Diego Lifeguard Chief Rick Wurts, Fennessy at a press conference characterized the claims leveled by lifeguard spokesman Ed Harris at him as “politically motivated.” Fennessy countered Harris and the lifeguard union’s claim that his altering of how radio dispatch works, with all water-related 911 calls now going first to the fire department instead of directly to lifeguards, has caused unnecessary problems, including delaying lifeguards’ emergency response times.

Fennessy labeled as “absolutely ridiculous” Harris’ allegations that he had a plan to have firefighters replace lifeguards, or that lifeguards were giving firefighters swim lessons.

Regarding lifeguards separating from SDFD, Fennessy said, “I can tell you all right now, this will not happen.” Fennessy said the radio dispatch change became necessary following serious flooding citywide during the recent winter storms. He said emergency call volume during storms revealed a flaw in lifeguards existing radio dispatch system.

There were 911 calls being forwarded from police to lifeguards that were not being answered at all by dispatchers because the call volume quickly overwhelmed lifeguard dispatchers.

The fire chief added the technology used currently by lifeguard dispatch is old, pointing out their system only allows for two calls to be answered at a time, giving a busy signal if both lifeguard dispatch numbers are busy. Clearly, a change needed to be made.

Fennessy described Harris’s claim that the radio dispatch change has “led to serious confusion” as “patently false.”

“There’s been no confusion, no delays as a result of this change,” he said adding, “We (SDFD) don’t accept the factual inaccuracies being represented.”

San Diego’s fire chief also critiqued the way allegations from the lifeguards’ union have been brought forward.

“Shame on you Ed Harris, you crossed the line,” Fennessy said. “And shame on your members that supported your approach. Our hope is, in the future, you won’t use a family’s pain (to make a point) — that you will use a different approach.”

Michael Zucchet, general manager of the San Diego Municipal Employees Association, the city’s largest labor union, commented, “We share and support all of the words and sentiments of the chief and are disappointed on how the lifeguards’ union has responded on this matter.”

Zucchet described the lifeguards’ motivation to attack the fire chief’s changes to the radio dispatch system as “political decisions, not decisions made on behalf of the public’s safety.”

Zucchet characterized radio dispatch rerouting as “very few, common-sense changes based on real happenings with call volumes. “There has mushroomed into this messy drama bringing in old political grievances,” Zucchet concluded. Responding to the fire chief's criticism of how he’s handled the radio dispatch controversy, Harris said, “No matter how they (SDFD) slice this, when they add a step (police to radio to lifeguards) it will cause delays and confusion.”

Harris also denied Fennessy’s claim that his criticism of changes to how emergency radio calls are dispatched was politically motivated.

“Fennessy is attacking a policy to save the lives of a career firefighter,” Harris said. “He’s not able to see it from the lens of a career firefighter, because, the changes he’s making are changes that won’t be reversible.”

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Point Loma garden tour
The San Diego Horticultural Society presents In Sight of the Sea – nine beautiful gardens in Point Loma and Sunset Cliffs. This year, the self-guided tour takes garden lovers to the Point Loma peninsula with views of the ocean and the bay from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 8.

The tour starts with an artistic garden in Loma Portal and concludes with unique gardens in La Playa. Along the way, you will visit one of San Diego’s best palm gardens, a garden created by Sinjen (our 1998 Horticulturist of the Year honoree), some top designer gardens, plant collector gardens, and a fabulous potter’s garden.

Selected vendors will be selling garden-related items. A special attraction this year, one of the garden owners will be selling his custom-made pottery. Many of the pots include succulent arrangements planted by his wife.

Purchase tickets at sdhort.org. Garden tour map will be emailed to purchasers on April 6. All tickets must be purchased in advance. No day of tour ticket sales.

Spring open house at Sunset Cliffs Natural Park
Visitors may come and see more than 40 native plants in bloom across three acres of Sunset Cliffs Natural Park from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1.

The event is held by the Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Committee and will convene at the south side of the Ladera Street parking lot. For more information, contact David Kimball at kimballd@cox.net or Rosamaria Acuna at 619-890-2828.

OB photo contest
The Ocean Beach Town Council has started a “Share Your OB” photo contest. To enter just tag your best photos of OB with #shareyourOB and post on Instagram or Facebook. Winner receives bragging rights and is entered in a monthly drawing for some cool swag. Each Saturday, a new winner will be announced. So get out there and #shareyourOB.

Lenten Food Drive
Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church is holding its annual Lenten Food Drive. Consider donating non-perishable food or personal hygiene items that supports the Mission Beyond Partners, Presbyterian Urban Ministries, Loaves and Fishes Food Ministry, OB Community Diners and Military Outreach Ministries. The food drive runs through April 16. For more information, contact Kathy Zorn and Eddie Dees at 619-224-2177 or Zorn at obkathyo@yahoo.com.
Police unveil device to test for drugs at traffic stops

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman on March 16 unveiled a mobile, saliva-screening device, Drager 5000, to test for illicit drugs including cocaine, marijuana, amphetamines and prescription narcotics, to be implemented immediately.

Her announcement came on the eve of the St. Patrick’s Day weekend, typically a high-risk time for drug- and alcohol-impaired driving and related crime. “We’re here today to introduce a technology to be used by our San Diego Police Department to help detect drivers who make the ‘wrong’ decision to drive while under the influence of not only alcohol, but also of drugs,” said Zimmerman who added, “Public safety is a shared responsibility, and DUIs are a 100 percent preventable crime.”

For those opting to drive under the influence of drugs, Zimmerman noted the Dragers “are another tool we will use to find you, arrest you, and prevent you from endangering our community.” At the press conference, Zimmerman introduced the Drager 5000. The oral-fluid screening device tests saliva for the presence of seven different drugs including THC, the active ingredient in marijuana.

The police chief said the two Drager mobile drug testers, which cost about $6,000 apiece, will be asked later to take a chemical test revealing the exact level of drugs present in a driver’s system. Those testing positive will be asked later to take a chemical test revealing the exact level of drugs in their system. Those testing positive will be asked later to take a chemical test revealing the exact level of drugs in their system. Those testing positive will be asked later to take a chemical test revealing the exact level of drugs in their system.

Zimmerman pointed out the Dragers are being trained to become experts in identifying the symptoms of drug-impacted drivers. Those suspected of DUID will then be asked to submit to the Drager test, which is similar to tests administered to suspected drunk drivers.

Noting SDPD will be the first police department in San Diego to utilize the oral drug-testing devices, Zimmerman pointed out the Dragers only test for measurable amounts of illicit substances present in a driver’s system. Those testing positive will be asked later to take a chemical test revealing the exact level of drugs in their system.

Asked whether there were set standards, like alcohol, to measure temporarily. But she pointed out their transportability will make them valuable in the field as well.

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Zimmerman added SDPD’s response in acquiring the new drug-testing devices was prompted, in part, by the experience of Colorado law enforcement that has witnessed an increase in drug-impaired driving following recreational marijuana’s passage in that state.

During her 34-year law enforcement career, Zimmerman said she’s personally witnessed “the devastation driving under the influence leaves on individuals, families and on our community.

“It’s all about safety,” the police chief concluded.

The Drager testing devices were funded through a private endowment managed by the San Diego Police Officers Foundation. SDPO also announced its intention to continue working with the San Diego City Attorney’s Office and their DUID Vertical Prosecution Unit. Last year, that unit prosecuted 282 drug and drug/alcohol-impaired cases (up from 150 cases the previous year), the majority of them purely drug DUI cases, with a 98 percent conviction rate. The office as a whole prosecuted more than 2,700 DUI cases during this period.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes and other expenses that can exceed $10,000.

To report suspected drunken drivers call 911.

The San Diego Police Department reminds everyone to call 9-1-1 to report drunk drivers.
San Diego Unified joins school districts challenging Trump’s executive order

As President Trump threatens to retaliate against certain jurisdictions that refuse to coordinate with federal law enforcement to identify, surveil, detain and deport undocumented immigrants, education leaders across California have come together to send a strong message: “Leave our students and their families alone.”

On Wednesday, March 22, representatives from the San Diego Unified School District, Sweetwater Union High School District, Southwestern Community College District and The San Diego Community College District held a press conference to announce their signing of an amicus brief on behalf of schools and educators supporting Santa Clara County’s challenge to President Trump’s executive order targeting sanctuary jurisdictions. The school districts will also assert their commitment to protect student’s civil rights, regardless of immigration status.

On Jan. 25, the president issued an executive order that, among other things, allows the administration to cut federal funding to cities and perhaps other entities determined to be “sanctuary jurisdictions.” The order is so vaguely worded that any jurisdiction, including school districts, can be found ineligible to receive federal funds for any number of ambiguous reasons.

“No child in California should fear going to school because they or their families may be deported,” said Richard Barrera, president of the San Diego Unified School Board of Trustees. “Neither should school administrators be forced to choose between critical funding and violating students’ rights.

“We believe that access to education is a fundamental, non-negotiable right of every student in every San Diego school. Federal funding is not a fee for immigration enforcement services, but rather an investment in the potential of each child, an educated workforce, and strong future economy.”

After the executive order was issued, the County of Santa Clara and the City of San Francisco filed lawsuits to block its implementation. When the ACLU filed a motion to intervene in the Santa Clara suit on behalf of the YMCA of Silicon Valley, the presiding judge invited others to file “friend of the court” briefs.

To date, 25 school districts and other educational institutions have signed onto the amicus brief filed on March 22.

Regarding the executive order, school officials say the law is on their side, as equal education is a right guaranteed by both the U.S. Constitution and the California Constitution. Long-standing federal and state civil rights laws affirm that every student must be provided an educational environment that is safe and welcoming, without regard for race, ethnicity, color, national origin, immigration status, religion, age, gender, gender identity or disability.

“Education is the civil rights issue of our day,” said Sylvia Torres-Guillen, statewide director of Education Equity for ACLU of California.

Historic ships from throughout the country’s history will be showing off in San Diego Bay for the 29th running of America’s Schooner Cup on Saturday, April 1.

Hailing from Southern California and the Pacific Northwest, more than 12 schooners are expected to take the starting gun.

The schooners range in length from 35 to 150 feet. Spectators may watch the start and finish off Shelter Island. No registration is necessary for those viewing from Shelter Island. Spectators should arrive at 11:15 a.m. Three groups of schooners will each start between 11:30 and noon. The race runs from Shelter Island, out of the bay and back and typically takes 2-3 hours.

For those who want to be part of the action, three vessels will be taking a limited number of guests:

- California – California’s official state Tall Ship – a great option for those who want to participate in the race – sdmaritime.org
- Bill of Rights – a 136-foot replica of a 19th century coastal schooner – another lively option for those who want to participate in the race – schoonersbillofrights.com
- San Salvador – a replica of Juan Cabrillo’s ship that first visited San Diego in 1542 – a fun option for spectators – sdmaritime.org

The race is hosted by Silver Gate Yacht Club on Shelter Island, with all proceeds going to the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society – a nonprofit whose mission is to help Navy and Marine families.

The event will be supported by Star Clippers, a worldwide cruise ship company featuring tall ships.

Freedom Rows at Crew Classic help disabled vets

One of San Diego’s more popular outdoor events takes to the water again this year in early April.

Making the day even better; the opportunity for disabled veterans and members of the military to participate in the 44th annual San Diego Crew Classic, which hits Mission Bay on Saturday, April 1. The event features military veteran crew teams racing among the more than 4,000 athletes.

The Freedom Rows program assists disabled veterans competing in adaptive and para-rowing events through guidance from experts and coaches, both of whom have tailored plans to help these veterans get on the water, fall in love with rowing and compete at the highest levels.

Spectators can cheer on these inspirational veteran athletes while eating lunch at food trucks and drinking a beer garden beverage.

As organizers of the event have noted, with the huge veteran population in San Diego and the city’s long military history, it only makes sense that the San Diego Crew Classic host this unique event.

Beach & Bay Press recently caught up with Mary-Carol Madden, director of finance and administration with the San Diego Crew Classic, for a Q&A.

BBP: How has the San Diego Crew Classic grown over the years?

MC: This is our 44th year, we began in 1973. The San Diego Crew Classic has grown from a one-day three-hour regatta to a two-day regatta with more than 120 races. We have more than 4,000 competitors from 120 clubs participating from throughout the country.

BBP: Approximately how many local high schools/colleges will be entered?

MC: More than 100 different high schools and colleges are entered. Cathedral Catholic High School has their own team. Other local high schools, such as Mission Bay High School, compete with San Diego Rowing Club Jr and ZLAC Jr, SDSU, USD, and UCSD will all have men’s and women’s teams competing.

BBP: Given San Diego is a military community, how important was it to extend the invitation to disabled vets and members of the armed forces to participate in this event?

MC: We are very excited to have Freedom Rows racing at the San Diego Crew Classic again for the third year. Being part of a military town, we offer free admission to anyone with military ID as a thank you for their service. We are very honored to now also sponsor this event.

OBES Literacy Contest winners

The Ocean Beach Friends of the Library recently held an awards ceremony for the 20th annual Student Writing for Literacy Contest. Fourth grade students from Ocean Beach Elementary School submitted essays that were judged by youth services librarian Angela Johnson and honorable mention to Jayden Jensen. Each of the students received Barnes & Noble gift cards and journals provided by the Friends of the Library. Angela Johnson’s essay will now continue on to the citywide contest in April.

The first place went to Taylor Clarken, second to Timothy Clarksen, third to Kairah Connolly and honorable mention to Jayden Jensen. Each of the students received Barnes & Noble gift cards and journals provided by the Friends of the Library. Angela Johnson’s essay will now continue on to the citywide contest in April.

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YMCA Overnight Camps

Are you ready for positive, life-changing experiences in the outdoors? Look no further than YMCA Overnight Camps. We combine the fun your children want with the growth experiences they need. YMCA Camp Marin has been a San Diego favorite for thousands of children and families. Camp Marin offers you adventure, fun, friendships, and great staff—all on a spectacular 236-acre site—with activities including archery, swimming, climbing, crafts, canoeing, and more. YMCA Raintree Ranch is a wonderful, small camp dedicated to western horseback riding. Thirty-eight houses, multiple instructional arenas, and miles of trails all provide an excellent learning environment. YMCA Camp Surf is a spectacular, ocean-front camp just south of San Diego. This 45-acre offers one & two-week sessions filled with surfing, bodyboarding, and traditional camp activities. Our camps add laughter, leadership, and lifelong memories to a host of activities. Learn more at ymca.org/camp.

ThoughtStem

ThoughtStem is running week-long technology camps for kids throughout the summer at UC San Diego and other locations around the country. ThoughtStem teaches the most cutting-edge technologies to prepare San Diego kids for the future.

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ThoughtSTEM coding camps engage students in fun, project-based learning, with camp activities that promote new friendships and team-building. ThoughtSTEM runs different technology camps in the morning and afternoon so that students can learn two different topics in a single day. 9 am – 4 pm.

Register today at www.thoughtstem.com/ucsd-summer-camps.

Special rates are available for multi-camp/sibling purchases. Have questions? Call 858-869-9430 or email contact@thoughtstem.com.

German Language Summer Camps

Does your child speak German? How about a German language camp at German Pacific School San Diego? GPSSD offers four weeks of very creative, imaginative camps with many hands-on projects. This year’s top-ics are Time Travel (Zeitreisen), Lights, Camera Action, and Trolls and Tourments.

GPSSD, a nonprofit school with three locations in Clairemont, Carmel Valley and Poway, also offers classes on Saturdays and on week-day afternoons. The younger students learn German by playing, singing, theater, stories and games. Later the students focus on reading and writing. During their time at GPSSD students take different exams which lead to the AP exam and the German Language Diploma (DSD I and II). The DSD II exam is proof of the language proficiency for students applying at German universities.

Registration for Summer camps is now open! Early Bird Price until 04/13.

More information: www.gpssd.org 858-461-9118 germanmapacificschool@gmail.com

Have the best summer at the Y

The YMCA is again hosting a summer filled with fun day camps for kids ages 5-17 starting June 15. Whether your child loves sports, the arts, animals, science or even Legos – the Y has a camp that will help them build confidence, meet new friends and make memories that will last a lifetime! Plus, with camps available in convenient locations include Point Loma, La Jolla, Pacific Beach and University City there’s definitely a camp that will fit into your schedule and lifestyle!

To ensure that everyone has the chance to go to camp, the YMCA also offers camp scholarships to those in need. Learn more at ymca.org/pensinsula or ymca.org/laJolla.

Bishop School

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Point Loma man pleads guilty to killing parents

Dr. Neal Putnam | The Beacon

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Peter David Haynes, now 25, faces a maximum sentence of 100 years to life in state prison for killing David Haynes, 62, and his mother, Lissa Haynes, 61, on Nov. 28, 2014 in their Tarento Drive home.

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With his guilty pleas, Haynes withdrew his insanity plea that his attorney had hoped would be used in a trial. The special circumstance charges of committing multiple murders and lying were dismissed, which could have resulted in Haynes being committed to prison for life without parole.

Haynes will face 25 years to life for each of the murder charges, and would get 50 years consecutively for personally using a firearm in a double homicide. It is likely, though, Haynes will never be granted parole if given a 100-year sentence and may have to serve 85 actual years.

Haynes initiated a court document written by his attorney Mignon Hilts in which he described his guilt. “I unlawfully murdered David and Lissa Haynes by intentionally and personally discharging a firearm thereby causing their deaths, willfully and deliberately with premeditation and malice aforethought,” the statement read.

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According to previous testimony, David Haynes called 911 and told a dispatch officer his son had shot his mother to death and that his son had been diagnosed with schizophrenia. More gunshots were heard on the tape when David Haynes was mortally wounded.

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Westminster’s spring production this weekend

Westminster Presbyterian Church’s Vanguard Theatre Ministry has announced its spring production “Who Am I This Time?” (And Other Conundrums of Love), by Aaron Posner, which is an adaptation of three early comic masterpieces by Kurt Vonnegut. Take a walk through simple, mythical small-town America and catch a glimpse of humankind’s most elusive, complicated and basic sentiment. Real folks. Real love. Real fun.

Shows will be March 31 and April 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.

Avenged girls get even for a good cause

The Old West will live again – at least for two nights – at the Masonic Lodge when “Revenge Girls of the West” returns to Ocean Beach on April 8-9. The locally produced and written dinner-theater show features a cast and crew made up of mostly Ocean Beach residents who have dedicated hours of work for the show’s charity, Breast Cancer Angels.

Unlike a typical performance where the audience is a passive observer, “Revenge Girls of the West” is an immersive experience where the story unfolds throughout the room, not just on the stage.

The cast of ‘Revenge Girls of the West’ appearing at the Masonic Lodge in OB on April 8-9.

Point Loma Summer Concerts series seeks community sponsors

As the Point Loma Summer Concerts series seeks community sponsors for ages 21 and up.

Included in the ticket price is a three-course carnitas dinner and a full cash bar will be available, as well as bottle service. Since alcohol will be flowing and the dialog contains some R-rated language, the show is for ages 21 and up.

This will be the second production of “Revenge Girls” at the Masonic, which features live music written and performed by Jonny Wagon.

Production company Shetrick Entertainment is staging the show and has produced several immersive experiences at the Masonic in the last five years. Hetrick said these shows will probably be the last performances of “Revenge Girls.”

The performances are a benefit for Breast Cancer Angels, a charity whose mission is to provide financial and emotional assistance to breast cancer patients during their treatments. The Breast Cancer Angels’ programs help pay for rent and mortgage payments, clothing, medical bills or any other needs that arise.

Tickets and more information are available at www.shetrick.com.
San Diego’s music community is growing by leaps and bounds, to the point where many musicians are now performing in two or more bands. Such is the case with Ocean Beach-based Andres (Dre) Ponce, frontman for popular local rockers Jagged Lines, and now also guitarist for San Diego Music Award nominees, Kick the Princess, which is led by Angela Alvarez.

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“I use the whiskey analogy about our sound, because it follows a line. It’s a great American tradition, it’s down home and rootsy. Jagged Lines just wants to take rock ‘n’ roll and remind people why they played air guitar or used badminton rackets as pretend instruments when they were young,” he said.

The union with Kick the Princess is perhaps inevitable. The two bands first met in 2014 when they shared the bill at a local bar. “It was a good match up. Even though our sound was a little different, I could tell right away that we breathed the same air, they wanted to rock as much as we did. Then when they asked me to play with them a couple of weeks ago, I knew it would work fine, even before we rehearsed.”

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Jagged Lines has released one album to date, 2014’s “Free Yourself to Pieces,” partially dealing with Ponce’s transition from East Coast to West Coast. “The album deals with the notion that sometimes to find freedom, you have to let go of pre-conceived ideas about yourself. Things are great now, but there was a lot of culture shock for me when I first arrived. things were difficult. Music was my anchor, as it always has been and the album is the end result of that,” he said.

Ponce is clear on what he enjoys most about being a musician. “It’s that there is always more that you can do,” he mused. “There is always something more to aspire to, another song to write. Music is a great tool to communicate with.” Ponce said. “You can play a minute of a song and convey so much more feeling than you could by just trying to talk about something.”

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District 2 Councilmember Lorie Zapf described Rosecrans prior to the InSync traffic optimization system as “the core triangle of traffic hell.”

“I never knew how long it would take,” Zapf said of adding installation of the new lights was a “quality of life issue.”

“This is the largest traffic signalization project in the city, and this has been a big team effort,” she concluded.

Jon Linney, chair of Peninsula Community Planning Board, and Clark Anthony, president of the Point Loma Association, chimed in on the new traffic-signal system’s importance.

Linney referred to the new Rosecrans adapted traffic singals as a “blessing and relief” and “a major advance in taming the traffic nightmare.” Anthony said he was tired of “sitting at stoplights watching minutes tick by at empty intersections.” He pointed out the new “intuitive and innovative (traffic) system will save us time, fuel and frustration — and that’s important.”

Anthony concluded that “the sheer volume of traffic at both ends of Rosecrans is something we’re going to have to continue to address over the years. But this is certainly a step in the right direction.”

Asked whether the new traffic signal optimization system has made a difference. Peninsulans answered yes.

“Rosecrans seems to flow much nicer,” said PLA board member Robert Tripp Jackson adding, “that we need these at Sunset Cliffs and Voltaire/W North Point Loma. That area always backs up between those two blocks.”

“I think the system works well and seems to effectively alleviate some unnecessary stops along Rosecrans,” concurred Cecilia Carrick, also of the PLA.

Peter Nystrom, chair of the Peninsula Community Planning Board’s Traffic and Transportation Subcommittee, noted there are 11 signal lights on Rosecrans between Nimitz and Interstate 5.

“I have never been able to travel north and rarely south without at least one red light stopping my progress,” said Nystrom. “With the establishment of the system for Rosecrans, as long as the traffic keeps up, I always make the trip with all green lights. I don’t know what effect the system has on cross streets, or whether the system is applicable for other locations, but it is perfect for Rosecrans.”

The InSync traffic optimization system installed on Rosecrans mirrors a similar traffic optimization system installed recently on Torrey Pines Road on La Jolla Parkway.

Seeking to combat worsening traffic congestion, city officials have created a $1.3 million master plan to install, over a 10-year period, modern stoplight timing systems and other advanced technologies that ease gridlock. The 10-year plan is intended to connect each of the city’s 1,540 stoplights into a timing and coordination network controlled by a central hub.

The Rosecrans Adaptive Traffic Control System is meant to “decrease gas consumption and decrease greenhouse gas emissions, all part of the city’s Climate Action Plan.” That plan aims to satisfy state mandates for reducing greenhouse gases by 20 percent below 1990 levels by 2020, 40 percent by 2030, and 80 percent by 2050.
Love rules at Creative Souls on the West Coast art show at Wonderland in OB

Blunt But Sweet Marketing will present the first Creative Souls on the West Coast art show from 7 to 11 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 at Wonderland Ocean Pub, 5083 Santa Monica Ave. The planned series of art shows will feature local artists and vendors through a collaboration with local venues in Ocean Beach as well as Pacific and Mission beaches. The events are aimed at creating exposure and creative networking opportunities for the vendors and artists, while showcasing local venues.

“We pair local bands, artists, photographers and fashion designers with the appropriate venues and vendors to be marketed as a packaged event,” said Elizabeth Rori, founder of Blunt But Sweet Marketing.

The three local artists who will be featured at the April 5 show are Autumn Love, Collin Worrel, and Thomas Condry.

Love will display her latest paintings and mugs, which feature prints of her paintings, plus a personalized touch on the mug’s bottom and a decorated box. “The mugs are a practical use of my prints with my personal touch of love,” she said. “They are a passion project. I call them love in a box.”

Worrel is a photographer who makes custom-made frames from recyclable materials. “I take used fences and turn them into frames – to be featured.”

Condry is an illustrator and skateboard deck designer. “I do what I do to have fun. And I want other people to have fun,” he said. “I think life, and all that stuff, can take us away from a good time. If I can give someone at least one good time, or just a moment, that feels good. Then I’m happy.”

Nine weeks ago, the idea to showcase local artists at local venues popped into Rori’s head. “I was lying in bed one evening unable to get the rest I needed. I spent about three hours coming up with the concept and tada! Creative Souls on the West Coast was born.”

The response has been positive. “San Diego locals, artists, vendors loved the concept. It grew from from maybe three experiences a year to almost seven events scheduled between April and July.”

“We are now working along Karl Strauss for three major San Diego events in May, June, and July,” she said. “I envision Creative Souls on the West Coast to be an ongoing brand in Southern California.”

**ART SHOW**

**What:** Three local artists – with different styles – to be featured.

**Where:** Wonderland Ocean Pub, 5083 Santa Monica Ave.

**When:** 7 to 11 p.m. Wednesday, April 5.

**Info:** [www.bluntbutsweet.com](http://www.bluntbutsweet.com)

Love, a Pacific Beach resident known for her paintings with messages of love, likes that the show will be an eclectic mix of artists. “My paintings are full of love and colorful while the guys’ are more raw with recycled material. It should be fun.”

“The amount of incredible people I’ve met through this process is mind blowing,” Rori said. “These artists have trusted us with their dedication, skills and talents. I imagine this experience will be one not long forgotten.”

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We look forward to meeting you!

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**Richard Paul Fairchild**

**November 1, 1952 – February 27, 2017**

SAN DIEGO – The family and much of the San Diego Beach Community is in mourning for the loss of its much-loved free spirit, Richard (Rick) Paul Fairchild.

Rick died unexpectedly on February 27, 2017 in San Diego. He graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice from San Diego State University and started working at Juvenile Hall in 1977. He was promoted to Director at the Hall of Justice in 2002.

Rick was predeceased by his father, Joseph, and his mother, Peggy. He is survived by his brothers Joseph, David, Daniel (Mary Jane), and sisters Catherine (Jim Lonergan) and Christine and his many cousins, nieces and uncles.

Rick was known for his incredible smile and kindness and was always there to help anyone he knew when they needed help of any kind.
New Coffee Hub and Café caters to cyclists in Point Loma

BY LUCIA VITI | THE BEACON

Point Loma recently welcomed its newest – and ever so coolest establishment – the Coffee Hub and Café, a bike-centric eatery and espresso bar located on Shelter Island Drive.

Owner Sandy Hanshaw, who also owns the adjacent Wine Pub, fulfilled a desire to cultivate a friendly bike community while offering the finest espressos, lattes, teas – both hot and cold – hot ganache (cocoa) plus a full menu for breakfast and lunch. According to Hanshaw, the Coffee Hub stands as the only coffee shop on Shelter Island. Surrounding hotels offer coffee, but the area lacks an espresso café.

Open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Coffee Hub and Café showcases a rustic interior with bike-inspired art and a rotating collection of biking paraphernalia inclusive of riding saddles, caps, jerseys and wheels donated by family, friends and customers who wished to immortalize a piece of their riding gear as wall décor. A full-size bike as artifact also lines the interior; one that can actually be “removed and ridden.”

Family member and graphic designer Ron Miriello designed the Coffee Hub’s bike-themed logo to complete “a dream come true” for Hanshaw and her husband Andy – the director of the San Diego Bike Coalition. Made in the “spirit of the success of The Wine Pub,” The Coffee Hub and Café offers patrons a bike-friendly environment so that as the “doors close on one side, they open on the other, offering customers delicious meals and drinks – morning, noon and night.”

The Point Loma resident is no stranger to a work ethic for the success of both business venues. “Some days I’m here 24/7,” said Hanshaw. “At the moment, I’m in the Coffee Hub more than the Wine Pub, but I tend to do both. But I love it. All of it. I really do.”

Hanshaw recruited The Wine Pub’s chef Malissa Sorsby to create a unique and varied breakfast, lunch and snack menu for the Coffee Hub. Savory breakfast items include bread pudding with sausage and gravy, flatbreads, sliders, homemade biscuits and a Caprese egg benedict.

“We purposely offer a non-traditional breakfast menu,” she continued. “We don’t offer ordinary, everyday items, but we take care of the classic traditionalist with a tasty menu of bacon and eggs.”

Lunch boasts of homemade paninis, soups and salads. Flavored syrups are also homemade. Embracing everything local to work within the walls of The Coffee Hub was important for Hanshaw. One cupping with resident coffee roaster – the Swell Coffee Co. – convinced her that she found her coffee bean. Liberty Station’s Point Loma Teas provides hot and cold tea brews and local pastries are shipped in from Hillcrest’s Bread & Cakes.

Hanshaw described The Coffee Hub and Café as a smart business move for The Wine Pub. “Serving breakfast and lunch was a business move that added a smart niche for us and the neighborhood,” she said. “I’ve enjoyed every minute of learning all that I never knew before. Coffee was not in my wheelhouse of expertise. But not only did I learn about coffee – there are so many parallels between wine and coffee – I hired experts. I surrounded myself with good people who’ve taught me a lot.”

The novice coffee aficionado noted the many similarities between wine and coffee by comparing grapes and coffee beans, vegetation areas, characteristics of flavors and the similarity of textures.

Hanshaw added that the Point Loma community has embraced The Coffee Hub and Café with open arms. “There’s such a strong, supportive and rich sense of community with businesses and families within the area,” she said. “Our goal is to be a place where people can come together in a comfortable, productive setting for business meetings, breakfast clubs, book clubs and community outreach groups celebrating different causes.

“I’m thrilled every time I walk in,” she continued, “The Coffee Hub is everything I ever wanted and more. The space is warm, comfortable, clean, simple, yet interesting with loads of color.”

“Our patrons give The Coffee Hub and Café its new sense of popularity. Not only the locals, but the commuters – those who live in the area and stop by for a grab and go – and those who work in the area and enjoy resting for a bite to eat in a pleasant atmosphere. Add the visiting tourists and we host new people every day in completely different ways.”

The husband-and-wife team foresee The Coffee Hub and Café as a vibrant coffee shop brimming with tourists and bicycle riders, all enjoying the space for early-morning hot and cold beverages, breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks.

Officine Buona Forchetta opens in Liberty Station

Buona Forchetta, a South Park neighborhood pizzeria, has expanded with a second location now open in the historical district of Liberty Station at 2865 Sims Road.

Restaurant founder Matteo Cattaneo joined forces with Mario Cassinieri, executive chef and partner of BiCE, to launch Officine Buona Forchetta, a spin-off of the popular South Park eatery. Melding Buona Forchetta’s award-winning Neapolitan-style pies with Mario’s Northern Italian upscale entrees, Officine Buona Forchetta’s 2,600-square-foot space is an approachable, family friendly restaurant, driven by quality dishes and an authentic Italian ethos.

While much of Officine Buona Forchetta’s menu draws from the original South Park location, including their classic Neapolitan pizzas, calzones and a selection of antipasti dishes, the new location offers a more expansive entrée and dessert selection, overseen by chefs Francesco Peroncelli and Fernando Gorrino.

Central to not only the design but the culinary pro-

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gram as a whole, Officine’s iconic gold-tiled pizza ovens are run by five-time pizza world champion and pizzaiolo Marcello Avitabile. Named for Matteo’s parents, ovens Augusta and Sergio will churn out new Neapolitan creations, including Pizza Al Metro, a two-foot-long pie customizable for sharing, while Augusta will be responsible for solely gluten-free items.

In the main kitchen, entrées include a build-it-yourself pasta bowl and chef-driven meat and seafood dishes.

Dessert is overseen by chef Francesca, where her line-up of mostly gluten-free sweets include Officine’s signature Cremoso al Cioccolato e Nocciola, a chocolate crème topped with 24 karat gold leaf. The cocktail menu draws heavily from traditional Italian spirits, utilizing grappa and Campari to create a classic yet approachable line-up of sippers, while the wine list features a rotating selection of Italian labels.

Info:
Where: 2907 Shelter Island Drive.
Hours: Open Daily 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Info: 619-738-1482.

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difference between investor-owned whole-home rentals and those simply trying to make ends meet.

“It is primarily these properties that are not owner-occupied that seem to be contributing to negative impacts, whose effects are being felt throughout neighborhoods, primarily in single-family neighborhoods. For those reasons, I feel this issue should be addressed separately,” Gomez said.

Commenting on the Smart Growth and Land Use Committee March 24 hearing, Airbnb press secretary Jasmine Mora said: “As we heard from the public, San Diegans deserve short-term rental regulations that are clear, fair and reasonable. The hearing was a productive discussion and a solid step toward rules that will preserve neighborhood quality, while allowing folks to continue to make ends meet through using our platform to share their home. We will continue to engage with our policymakers and community to ensure hosts, guests and our city can continue to benefit from the sharing economy.”

Previously, new City Attorney Mara Elliott took a completely different tack than her predecessor, Jan Goldsmith, with her March 15 issuance of a memorandum of law advising the City Council on short-term vacation rentals.

“The city has a ‘permissive zoning ordinance,’” read Elliott’s memorandum. “This means that any use that is not listed in the city’s zoning ordinance is prohibited.” Elliott’s memo subsequently pointed out, “Short-term vacation rentals are not specifically defined, expressly permitted, or listed in any of the zone use categories, including residential or commercial.”

At the March 24 short-term vacation rentals hearing, John Ambert, chair of OR Planning Board, noted the beach community is “one of the most heavily impacted” of the beach rental communities.

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