City halts Point Loma condo project

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COUNCILWOMAN

High-profile protest of a new condo development by many Roseville residents fearing that it exceeds the 30-foot coastal height limit has had its desired effect: temporarily placing the project on hold.

On June 28, following a June 25 community protest on the site of the development at the corner of Emerson and Evergreen streets, and an impromptu town hall-style meeting June 27 attended by 200-plus...

$10 million bail set for accused in OB killing

Bail was set at $10 million Thursday for a pharmacist accused of killing a Pacific Beach man who was shot to death in front of an Ocean Beach condominium on June 22.

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Ocean Beach natives (and siblings) Ruth Woolery, Mike McGuire, Lynn Shafer, and Teresa McGuire with their copy of the Peninsula Beacon at the Hetton-le-Hole, England childhood home of their very British mother, Joanie McGuire. With their father, Richard, the McGuire family made the pilgrimage to the Northeastern England village to commemorate their moth-er’s ashes to her native land. It was a sad but rewarding experience for the family as they vis-ited many of the English and Scottish sites that were so dear to (Joanie) their mother.

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Deputy District Attorney Kyle Sutterley initially asked for no bail, but when San Diego Superior Court Judge Fred Maguire suggested he specify an amount, Sutterley asked for $10 million. Sutterley said Burke “has significant family resources” and investigators found gold bars in his safe.
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Condo

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“Mayor Faulconer and Council- clinemer Lorrie Zapf strongly sup- port the coastal height limit and pro- tecting coastal views,” said mayor spokesman Craig Gustafson. “Further- more, Faulconer and Zapf praised the nonprofit’s work while imploring its members to become increasingly more involved in Penin- sula community service.
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From Silver Gate, he went to Dana Middle School, and it wasn’t until his sixth-grade year, after "a long struggle," that he became comfortable reading, writing and speaking his new language of English.

And last month he spoke in front of the Class of 2016 as the valedictorian of Point Loma High School.

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Kevin is survived by his parents, a nephew, and wife Veronica. The two met in 1999 while teaching at PLHS. They have two beautiful children, Samantha and Joseph.

Kevin was never again to see foot again on the campus he so loved and spend time with the students and staff who were so dear to his heart.

Surgery was immediately scheduled, and most of the tumor was removed. Weeks of radiation followed, and when the headaches returned, an examination showed the original tumor was growing again and a new, smaller tumor had appeared.

Kevin endured his most difficult days in early April when intense pains and sickness consumed him and mystified his doctors, who inserted a shunt in his brain in an attempt to relieve fluid buildup. But nothing was effective, and two new aggressive tumors were discovered.

In early May, Kevin was brought home and placed in hospice care. He later returned to the hospital. He fought so strongly during his final eight weeks, astonishing family members, close friends and caregivers.

But on the afternoon of June 24, Kevin’s battle ended. His family posted this on a “GoFundMe” page established in his name: “It is with great sadness and a very heavy heart we share with you all that God has taken our beloved Kevin home. He fought like a champ to stay home and placed in hospice care, to relieve fluid buildup. But nothing was effective, and two new aggressive tumors were discovered.

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Kevin was only 52 years old. We enjoyed a special relationship because of my writing for the Peninsula Beacon, and I failed to realize how the sight of Kevin and his ever-smiling face would heal a broken heart. He shared his fascinating life with me.

I have shed many tears for Kevin over the past eight months and prayed for him often. I have shed many tears for Kevin over the past eight months and prayed for him often. But he must have wondered, “Why don’t you write about my life, Kevin? I have so much to say, to share.”

While I was honored and fought back tears, I have since berated myself for not writing more cards, sending messages or even inquiring more often about his condition. Forgive me, Kevin.

I believe the last time I saw Kevin was during a visit to the PLHS campus by Academy Award-winning actress Margaret Avery, a Pointer alumna. Following her talk to two periods of students, Kevin asked for a photo with Avery, which I took. That photo will forever hold a special place in my heart.

Earlier this week, I took two large, framed photos of Kevin to Rebecca and her husband, retired Navy Capt. Samantha and Joseph. Kevin is survived by his parents, a nephew, and wife Veronica. The two met in 1999 while teaching at PLHS. They have two beautiful children, Samantha and Joseph.

Robert Gormly, a Vietnam War-injured combat veteran, to their Chula Vista home. We chatted for awhile and I learned they moved from Norfolk, Va. when Kevin was entering junior high school. We laughed when I told them I may likely have been his sixth-grade teacher down the street at Kellogg School if they had arrived a year earlier.

As it was, Kevin and I realized that, during Hilltop’s glory years of football from 1979-1981, I, along with groups of my sixth-grade students, watched his games. Little did we know that, years later, our paths would cross again. As a senior, Kevin was selected All-Conference, a standout player on great teams, foreshadowing his future at PLHS.

Many times I stood with Kevin at athletic events or in the lunch area and watched him work his magic, chatting with random students while others approached to converse with him or ask a question. As he roamed the campus, sometimes on foot, other times in a golf cart, students called, “Here comes ‘Gorm Storm,’” the loving nickname bestowed on him by creative campus members.

Kevin had a favorite maroon tie with gold accents that matched PLHS colors. Facing the emotionally excruciating fact he would never return to the campus, he gave the tie to Principal Hans Becker when Becker visited Kevin’s home during his illness. Becker then wore the tie to the school’s 91st commencement last month, telling the audience its story during his remarks.

Also last month, I arranged to interview this year’s PLHS valedictorian Kei Takanami for a Beacon story. I met Kei in the school’s main office. Becker and current vice principal Kelly Loomis, who was being mentored by Kevin, suggested I do the interview in Kevin’s vacant office. Considering his office “sacred ground,” I must have looked stunned, but I slowly walked around my good friend’s desk, pulled out a chair and sat down. I noticed a 24-pack of water on the floor, thought for a moment, then smiled and thought “Why not?” I gave a bottle to Kei, took one for myself and began the interview.

We spoke for 20 minutes as Kei shared his fascinating life with me. But he must have wondered, “Why does this reporter keep wiping tears away?”

If there’s a school campus in heaven, it’s now in better hands. Godspeed, Kevin. I love you, my friend.

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July 18, 2016
San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation - 1st Pier Jump

July 21, 2016
Peninsula Beacon Special Section on the OB Pier - be on the lookout for this great special section!

August 15, 2016
San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation - 2nd Pier Jump

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Lighthouse Ice Cream Celebrates National Ice Cream Day/Month & 19 years in OB

Lighthouse Ice Cream opened it’s doors for the first time on June 10, 1997. The ice cream business wasn’t new to Dick & Carol Ladiges. Dick was the original owner of the OB Big Olaf’s in October of 1982. This is where he met his wife, Carol when she walked inside as a customer. The rest is history.

Serving up Bud's Ice Cream from San Francisco, was the reason why everyone called the shop “Buds” and thought Dick’s name was Bud. It’s always been Lighthouse, named after a church the couple were attending at the time. There is even a prayer request box out front.

The shop is known for it’s premium ice cream, featuring Double Rainbow from San Francisco and Cascade from Oregon. The Lighthouse also serves Julian Apple Pie, Cravory Cookies, "Snowie" Shaved Ice and new Flavor Burst Soft Serve! Be sure to try their famous Hot Waffle Ice Cream Sandwich.

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Jeffrey Bloom celebrates 50 at OB Farmers Market

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

If you’ve been involved in the San Diego music community for any length of time, odds are you’ve run into Jeffrey Bloom. Currently bassist in cover band Stone Horse, Bloom has been a mainstay of local clubs for 15 years, emerging out of the late ’70s and early ’80s La Jolla / Bird Rock scene that included the likes of Rolle Love of the Beat Farmers and acclaimed film composer Michael Andrews. On July 20, Bloom celebrates his 50th birthday with a special performance at the Ocean Beach Farmers Market, featuring an all-star group of musicians including guitarists Greg Vaughn (Danyuvaad & The Shammy Sisters).

“It just feels right to have my birthday celebration outdoors,” Bloom said. “I can’t think of a better spot to do something like this than the OB Farmers Market. It’s free, it’s all ages, it’s right in the sunshine and sea breeze. Even without the occasion being my birthday, that would be worth celebrating,” he joked.

Bloom acquired his first guitar at age 9 and was playing house parties by 11. Already a veteran of San Diego’s teen clubs of the era, Bloom first came to prominence in 1983 as a member of indie rock band, Army of Love, scoring local radio hits and opening spots for the likes of the Kinks. Following that combo’s split in 1987, Bloom’s career has been eclectic, but always rooted in music, including stints as a rock photographer and guitar tech. Musical highlights include a brief run with the World’s Cutest Killers alongside members of The Go-Go’s, Girlschool and Blondie as well as opening for the Ramones with his band, Sex & Free Beer, in 1989.

“They were incredible days,” Bloom mused. “You try to appreciate it at the time, but it’s not until later that you can really take it all in.”

More recently he has released three solo albums and worked on original music with his band Butterflies and Zepphras. Now he’s also gigging with Stone Horse, who next performs on July 28 aboard the Bahia Belle and Aug. 20 at Petco Park as part of the pre-game show. Bloom enjoys the opportunity to showcase his bass chops on cover tunes. ‘A much as I enjoy playing my own music, it’s a lot of fun playing classic songs that everybody knows. A lot of shows with that kind of set list are parties or some sort of happy gathering, so it’s hard not to enjoy the atmosphere.’

For his birthday set he promises a rotating group of musicians. “I’m going to pull out all the stops,” he laughed. “I’ve played the Farmer’s Market many times,” Bloom remarked. “I love that there are children dancing and smiling, sometimes coming up and singing. So for this I’ve put together a multigenerational group of players that range in age from 12 to 60.”

Bloom has one of the most eclectic repertoires of cover tunes in town, with a set list full of tunes from the likes of Parliament-Funkadelic to David Bowie. With 35 years of music behind him, Bloom is happy to still be making music. “I took a break from playing live in 2013,” he said. “I still played for me, sometimes just down at the beach with the ocean as my backing band, but I didn’t take on any of the stress that goes with being in a band and booking shows. But that break has made me appreciate things even more and I find that I enjoy making music and taking it to audiences more than ever.

Music feeds my soul,” Bloom said. “It lets me communicate with people, make a connection. Isn’t that what life is all about?”

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Sponsored by Fiesta de Reyes, County of San Diego, and the Boosters of Old Town, these free events feature a different theme each Saturday such as: Days of the Vaqueros, 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,” Event Coordinator Gregg 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:

July 9 — “Games and Amusements” — Try your hand at 19th century games and amusements - long before smart phones and tablets.

July 16 — “Women of the West” — Women played an important part in the development of the West. Some of their daily activities will be demonstrated on this Saturday. One of the highlights of the day will be a quilt walk throughout the park, featuring unique quilts.

July 23 — “Soldiers and Citizens” — The military has been part of San Diego since its inception. Following the Mexican American War, Dragoons, the Mormon Battalion and the Boundary Commission all had an impact on life in San Diego. See historic uniforms, weapons, and hear their stories.

August 6 — “Trades That Shaped Western Expansion” — As towns developed in the West so did the need for specialized trades and artisans. Old Town San Diego will present pivotal 19th century trades that helped shape the community of San Diego.

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, with the support of the Boosters of Old Town, County of San Diego, and donations 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 Twiggs 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.

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By DAVE SCHWAB | Tim Roxon

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A walk-thru of Body Shop’s shop is an eye opener. Several cars are being worked on, in various stages of repair, at the same time.

“We have a robot that we use to cure (painting) the product that’s twice as fast,” said O’Neill adding he’s currently processing about 55 cars per week where, otherwise, he would only get about 25 done per week.


Now the auto-repair pro is locked into doing business in San Diego. He said the key to business success in the auto-repair industry wherever you go remains unchanged.

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Tony Batakis’ photo of the Ocean Beach Pier (above) received the most votes at the Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off to take first place. Batakis received a $100 gift certificate to Donovan’s Steakhouse in La Jolla.

Tom Hoyer’s photo of a large wave ready to soak onlookers at Sunset Cliffs (top right) received the second-most votes. Hoyer earned two tickets to three different Balboa Park museums plus a $25 gift certificate to Raglan Public House in Ocean Beach.

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Ocean Beach Brewery opens to spectacular views

By LAINE FRASER | THE BEACON

Ocean Beach Brewery kegged its first house beer this week and officially opened July 1.

Newport Pizza owner Mike Tajran has been working since 2013 to bring his vision for the three-story brewpub to reality, and finally, his view from the top is spectacular.

Located on Newport Avenue directly across from Tajran’s pizza place, the brewery has three ADA-accessible floors, a full kitchen, a five-barrel brewing system, a retail section and a stunning rooftop deck.

The first floor, with a beautifully crafted wave-inspired bar top, will serve as the main tasting room. The second floor, with a glass lined balcony, will have additional seating and a retail area.

The rooftop lounge, described as the money shot by general manager Katie Bither, is the highest spot in Ocean Beach and offers sweeping views of the ocean and Newport Avenue.

“This view is just, I mean this is the best view in Ocean Beach,” Bither said, as she looked out at the unobstructed view of the pier. “We are higher than everything else, the sunsets here are just going to be killer.”

According to Bither, Ocean Beach Brewery intends to separate itself from the rest of the breweries and tasting rooms in the Ocean Beach area with their atmosphere, brewing system and full kitchen.

“We want this to be a cool OB spot,” Bither said. “For the opening, we invited local businesses, we made shirts, we developed our social media, we really want this to be great.”

The brewery will have three of their own house beers on tap as well as 17 guest beers. Tajran and James Millea have been working on the brewery’s three beers for more than a year now and are proud to have finally kegged their first.

“We do it all here and we were finally able to get the pale ale done this week. That’s really exciting for us,” Millea said.

Chef Evan Sabin has created a menu with options for everyone when it comes to both taste and price.

“I haven’t had something I didn’t like,” Bither said. “It’s one of those things where you eat it and you wish you didn’t like it as much as you do.”

According to Bither, a friend and employee at Newport Pizza saw the lot across the street go up for sale years ago and urged Tajran to buy it. Initially hesitant to move the pizza shop, Tajran decided a full kitchen brewery was something he had always wanted to do, and this was his opportunity.

“Mike is a dreamer and a big success and Ocean Beach Brewery will be no different,” Bither said.

For more information and to stay up to date on events and promotions, visit www.obbrewing.com.
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